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EXIT STRATEGY

*Saints' De Ridder
capture
pushes
Puncheon
closer to door*



OUT IN
THE
COLD:
Jason
Puncheon.

JASON Puncheon's St Mary's exit looks to be inching closer, at the same time as another winger has arrived at the club.

Saints yesterday completed the signing of Belgian wide player Steve De Ridder for an undisclosed fee.

The 24-year-old, pictured below, arrived from Dutch Eredivisie side De Graafschap, putting pen to paper on a three-year deal.

While that was going on, Saints were also weigh-

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ing up new approaches for the out-of-favour Puncheon.

The 25-year-old midfielder is set to leave the club this summer, after being ostracised from manager Nigel Adkins' first-team.

However, despite plenty of interest, a deal has proved hard to reach, after St Mary's chief Nicola Cortese put a £1m price tag on the player.

Millwall have confirmed that they have submitted an improved bid for the player, having had a previous offer knocked back,

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TERRY PAINE



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BARNSELEY

In: Craig Davies (Chesterfield, free), David Perkins (Colchester, free), Rob Edwards (Blackpool, free) Miles Addison (Loan Derby County) Jim McNulty (Brighton, Undisclosed).
Out: Jason Shackell (Derby, undisclosed) Matt Hill (free).

BIRMINGHAM CITY

In: Marlon King (Coventry, free), Chris Burke (Cardiff, free), Morgaro Gomis (Dundee United, free), Adam Rooney (Inverness, free), Steven Caldwell (Wigan, free) Morgaro Gomis (Dundee United, free).
Out: Sebastian Larsson (Sunderland, free), Craig Gardner (Sunderland, 60m), Lee Bowyer (Ipswich Town, free), Roger Johnson (Wolves, Undisclosed).

BLACKPOOL

In: Bojan Djordic (Videoton, free), Kevin Phillips (Birmingham City, free), Gerado Bruna (Liverpool, undisclosed), Bob Harris (unattached).
Out: Paul Rachubka (Leeds, free), Rob Edwards (Barnsley, free), Andy Reid (Nottingham Forest, free), Charlie Adam (Liverpool, undisclosed), David Vaughan (Sunderland, free), Danny Coid (Accrington Stanley, free), Ishmael Demontagnac (Notts County, free).

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

In: Will Hoskins (Bristol Rovers, undisclosed), Will Buckley (Watford, £1m), Craig Mackail-Smith (undisclosed), Roland Bergkamp (Excelsior, undisclosed), Romain Vincelot (Dagenham & Redbridge, undisclosed), Kazenga LuaLua (Newcastle, loan).
Out: Glenn Murray (Crystal Palace, free), Elliott Bennett (Norwich, undisclosed), Jim McNulty (Barnsley, Undisclosed).

BRISTOL CITY

In: Yannick Bolasie (Plymouth, undisclosed), Ryan Taylor (Rotherham, tribunal), Neil Kilkenny (Leeds, free).
Out: John Akinde (Crawley, undisclosed) Stephen Henderson (Portsmouth, Undisclosed).

BURNLEY

In: Ben Mee (Manchester City, Loan).
Out: Chris Iwelumo (Watford, undisclosed)

CARDIFF CITY

In: Don Cowie (Watford, free), Rob Earnshaw (Nottingham Forest, free), Joe Mason (Plymouth Argyle, undisclosed), Aaron Gunnarson (Coventry City, free), Andrew Taylor (Middlesbrough, free), Craig Conway (Dundee United, free).
Out: Michael Chopra (Ipswich, £1.5m), Chris Burke (Birmingham, free), Jay Bothroyd (QPR, free).

COVENTRY CITY

In: Joe Murphy (Scunthorpe, free), Chris Dunn (Northampton, undisclosed).
Out: Marlon King (Birmingham, free), Keiren Westwood (Sunderland, free), Isaac Osbourne (Aberdeen, free) Aaron Gunnarson (Cardiff City, free), Stephen O'Halloran (Carlisle United, free).

CRYSTAL PALACE

In: Glenn Murray (Brighton, free), Kagisho Dikgacoi (Fulham, undisclosed), Mile Jedinak (free), Jonathan Parr (Aalesund, undisclosed).
Out: Neil Danns, (Leicester, free), Adam Barrett (Bournemouth, free), Alassane N'Diaye (Southend United, loan).

DERBY

In: Frank Fielding (Blackburn, undisclosed), Theo Robinson (Millwall, undisclosed), Jamie Ward (Sheffield United, undisclosed), Craig Bryson (Kilmarnock, £450,000), Nathan Tyson (Nottingham Forest, free), Jason Shackell (Barnsley, undisclosed), Chris Maguire (Aberdeen, undisclosed) Adam Legzdins (Burton Albion, Undisclosed).
Out: Kalium Keane (Exeter, free), Ben Pringle (Rotherham, free), Luke Varney (Portsmouth, undisclosed).

DONCASTER ROVERS

In: Kyle Bennett (Bury, undisclosed), Tommy Spurr (Sheffield Wednesday, free), Richard Naylor (unattached).
Out: Byron Webster (Northampton, free), Waide Fairhurst (Macclesfield, undisclosed)

HULL CITY

In: Joe Dudgeon (Manchester United, undisclosed), Dele Adebola (Nottingham Forest, free), Jack Hobbs (Leicester, £250,000), Peter Gulasci (Liverpool,

PUNCH CLOSER TO

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WING COMMANDER: Adam Lallana, above, has nailed down the left-wing spot while, below from left, Steve De Ridder, Jonathan Forte and Guly do Prado look set to fight over a place on the opposite flank should Alex Chamberlain leave Saints.



although it is not known what figure they have put forward.

Blackpool are also thought to have made an official approach, while Premier League newboys QPR are understood to have been in touch too.

Puncheon was left out of this month's pre-season tour to Switzerland, instead being left behind to train with the club's youngsters.

He also suffered the ignominy of playing in Wednesday's under-21 friendly win against AFC Totton, although he responded to the embarrassing situation by turning in a stand-out performance.

But the arrival of De Ridder, as well as the new push for Puncheon's signature from a number of clubs, is only likely to hasten his departure.

Relief

That will come as a relief to Puncheon, who is desperate to put his disappointing Saints career behind him.

Since Alan Pardew signed him from Plymouth in January 2010, Puncheon has made 38 appearances for the club, scoring three times.

However, he was rarely used after Adkins was drafted in, quickly falling out of favour under the new regime.

That prompted a loan switch to Millwall last November, with Puncheon hitting five goals in seven games – including a hat-trick against South London rivals Crystal Palace.

The Lions tried to bring him in on a permanent basis in the January transfer window, but could not match Cortese's demands.

However, Blackpool were able to work out a loan move for Puncheon in the final hours of the window, earning him a surprise move to the Premier League.

He impressed with the

Ex-Saint finds his way to Bristol via Salisbury



KAYNE MCLAGGON

SALISBURY City boss Darrell Clarke hopes ex-Saint Kayne McLaggon's return to the Football League will inspire other ambitious players to relaunch their careers with the Whites.

Former Wales under-19 striker McLaggon, who joined the Old Sarum club last summer following his release from St Mary's, has earned himself a move to Bristol Rovers in npower League Two.

Clarke said: "We took Kayne after he'd been released from Southampton, where he had a decent pedigree.

"We gave him an opportunity, he did well and now he's moved on and got himself back in the League.

"Hopefully others will see that and realise that this club is a good place to develop and push on.

"We did offer Kayne a deal, but last year we did player accommodation and this time we aren't. With him travelling from Cardiff it wasn't really practical.

"Besides, it was a great opportunity and we don't like to stand in a young player's way. He's quick, he's got good feet and he did well for us last season.

"He's got the attributes to be good at that level and we wish him well."

Salisbury are hosting a family fun day at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium on Sunday, August 7, from 10am until mid afternoon.

Entry is free and events will include a junior mini football festival, a penalty shootout, bouncy castle

and the launch of the new Whites away kit.

Highlight of the day will be a First Team v Supporters match – a 50-minute showdown in which the fans' team will wear the new away kit which they can keep after the game.

Because of the likely demand there will be an auction for the outfield positions, one of which has already been allocated to the supporters' club. The position of team manager is also available. To bid, supporters should visit the online auction page and register an account at salisburycity-fc.co.uk/auction

The minimum reserve price is £60 as those who play will get to keep the kit.

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WHY ALEX CHAMBERLAIN'S SHOULD KEEP HIS HEAD DOWN AND

Saints Spotlight

ST MARY'S EXIT



With the De Ridder signing confirmed, Saints now have far less need to keep Puncheon hanging around

FAREWELL APPEARANCE? Jason Puncheon in action for a Saints under-21s against AFC Totton at the Testwood Stadium on Wednesday evening.

Tangerines, playing 11 times and netting three goals.

His performances led manager Ian Holloway to admit the club should have snapped him up on a permanent deal.

However, Puncheon's displays couldn't prevent Blackpool suffer-

ing a heartbreaking demotion to the Championship on the final day of the season.

Since then, many clubs have expressed an interest in Puncheon, and it appears a deal could now be edging closer.

With the De Ridder signing con-

firmed, Saints now have far less need to keep Puncheon hanging around.

After Alex Chamberlain revealed he wants to leave the club to move to the Premier League, Saints may have considered holding onto Puncheon a bit longer than intend-

ed, just in case of an emergency.

But with Adam Lallana, Lee Holmes and Jonathan Forte already in situ, that need has significantly diminished.

The signing of De Ridder will have come as a surprise to many.

The Belgian forward can play on either flank, although is perhaps more suited to the right-hand side.

He can also play up front if needed.

De Ridder started his career at Belgian club Gent, but made just one appearance for them.

He then moved to Belgian lower league side Hamme, where he enjoyed a decent spell, scoring 22 goals in 50 appearances.

That earned him a move to De Graafschap in 2008.

Relegated

In his first season there, he made 29 appearances, as the club were relegated from the top flight.

He helped them return the next season, though, scoring nine goals in 33 matches.

But his production diminished back in the Eredivisie during the last campaign, netting three times in 31 appearances.

Saints believe he can be successful in the Championship during the 2011/12 season.

And the likelihood is that, if Chamberlain does go, De Ridder will be seen as the obvious starting choice on the right flank.

Lallana will undoubtedly fill the left side of midfield, with Holmes likely to back him up.

And if Chamberlain does get the move to Arsenal that he craves, then Forte would be the obvious reserve to De Ridder on the right.

Of course, Saints also have Guly do Prado, who can put in a shift on the wing, although the Brazilian is far less effective out there than he is up front.

Young left-back Ben Reeves is also capable of playing on the left of midfield, as is fellow full-back Ryan Dickson.

Less than five hours to get ready for Leeds



NIGEL ADKINS

SAINTS have just 270 minutes of playing time left to prepare for the new Championship season.

There are now just two weeks left until the 2011/12 campaign gets under way.

Saints will entertain Leeds at St Mary's to kick-off the season, and time is now running out to get ready.

Nigel Adkins' men have just the equivalent of three full games left to complete their tune-up for a return to the second tier.

Saints will play two 45-minute matches today, as they face Werder

Bremen and Athletic Bilbao in the Memorial Cup.

That will be followed by Wednesday night's home friendly against Premier League outfit West Brom.

And the pre-season campaign will be rounded off with a trip to League One side Yeovil next Saturday.

Most of the first-team squad are likely to get a run-out in today's triangular tournament.

All eyes will obviously be on Alex Chamberlain, to see what role he plays after publicly declaring this week that he wants to leave the club.

After this evening, Adkins will likely move towards choosing a starting line-up that he hopes to pick for the Leeds game.

And that will probably form the basis of the sides that he selects for the West Brom and Yeovil matches.

Today's tournament will be the first chance for most Saints fans to see new signing Jack Cork in action, after he signed on for a second spell this summer.

It is unclear whether Belgian winger Steve De Ridder, who signed from Dutch side De Graafschap yesterday, will be involved.

Football Spot: Gossip, News & Moves!

CHAMPIONSHIP INS AND OUTS

In: Robbie Brady (Manchester United, loan)
Out: Nolberto Salano (Hartlepool, free), Mark Cullen (Bury, loan)

IPSWICH TOWN

In: Michael Chopra (Cardiff, £1.5m), Ivar Ingimarsson (Reading, free), Nathan Ellington (Watford, free), Aaron Cresswell (Tranmere, undisclosed).
Out: Gareth McAuley (West Brom, free), David Norris (Portsmouth, free), Connor Wickham (Sunderland, £8.1m), Troy Brown (Rotherham, free).

LEEDS

In: Paul Rachubka (Blackpool, free), Michael Brown (unattached)
Out: Kasper Schmeichel (Leicester, undisclosed), Neil Kilkeny (Bristol City, free), Bradley Johnson (Norwich, free).

LEICESTER CITY

In: Lee Peltier (Huddersfield, undisclosed), Neil Danks (Crystal Palace, free), Kasper Schmeichel (Leeds, undisclosed), David Nugent (Portsmouth, free), Sean St Ledger (Preston, undisclosed), Matt Mills (Reading, £5m), Paul Konchesky (Liverpool, undisclosed), John Pantsil (unattached)
Out: Craig King (Telford, free), Jack Hobbs (Hull, £850,000), Cian Bolger (Bristol Rovers, loan), Conrad Logan (Rotherham, loan)

MIDDLESBROUGH

In: Curtis Main (Darlington, free), Malaury Martin (unattached)
Out: Didier Digard (Nice, undisclosed), Andrew Taylor (Cardiff, free), Willo Flood (Dundee, free)

MILLWALL

In: Ryan Allsop (West Brom, undisclosed), Thierry Racon (Charlton, free), Darius Henderson (Sheffield United, undisclosed)
Out: Theo Robinson (Derby, undisclosed), John Sullivan (Charlton, free), Steve Morison (Norwich, undisclosed), Neil Harris (Southend, free), Ashley Grimes (Rochdale, free), Andy Frampton (Gillingham, undisclosed), Marc Laird (Leyton Orient, undisclosed)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

In: Andy Reid (Blackpool, free), Jonathan Greening (Fulham, undisclosed)
Out: Nathan Tyson (Derby, free), Mark Byrne (Barnet, free), Rob Earnshaw (Cardiff, free), Dele Adebola (Hull, free), Julian Bennett (Sheffield Wednesday, free)

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

In: Paul Jones (Exeter, free), Nicky Ajose (Manchester United, undisclosed), Ryan Tunnicliffe (Manchester United, loan), Scott Wootton (Manchester United, loan)
Out: Charlie Lee (Gillingham, undisclosed), Craig Mackail-Smith (Brighton, undisclosed), Chris Whelpdale (Gillingham, undisclosed), Rene Howe (Torquay, free)

PORTSMOUTH

In: David Norris (Ipswich, free), Jason Pearce (Bournemouth, £450,000), Luke Varney (Derby, undisclosed), Greg Halford (Wolves, undisclosed)
Out: Marlon Pack (Cheltenham, free), Darryl Flahavan (Bournemouth, free), David Nugent (Leicester, free)

READING

In: Scott Davies (Crawley, free), Ivar Ingimarsson (Ipswich, free), Matt Mills (Leicester, £5m)

SAINTS

In: Jack Cork (Chelsea, £750,000), Steve De Ridder (undisclosed)
Out: Oscar Gobern (Huddersfield, free)

WATFORD

In: David Murfin (Scunthorpe, free), Mark Yeates (Sheffield United, undisclosed), Chris Iwelumo (Burnley, undisclosed)
Out: Liam Henderson (York City, free), Will Buckley (Brighton, £1m), Danny Graham (Swansea, undisclosed), Nathan Ellington (Ipswich, free), Matt Sadler (Walsall, free), Don Cowie (Cardiff, free)

WEST HAM UNITED

In: Abdoulaye Faye (Stoke City, free), Kevin Nolan (Newcastle, free)

GET ON WITH HIS FOOTBALL - SEE THE TERRY PAINE ON PAGE 5

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"How about that? He could be my grandson. He's quite a refined player at age 20. I just had to smile inside to watch him. I certainly was impressed by the way he played" - **Tom Watson, 61, gives his verdict on 20-year-old English amateur Tom Lewis, his playing partner and surprise joint leader after the first round of the Open at Royal St George's.**

"It was a slam dunk but if it missed the flag it would've been 30 feet by. They're all lucky when they go in - but that's what I was aiming at" - **Watson, 61, after claiming taking the limelight away from Lewis with a hole-in-one at the 169-yard sixth on day two.**

"I said to the crowd at the 15th that they were mental. I'm getting paid and have to be here, but they're not" - **Paul Lawrie, who shot an 81 as conditions turned nasty on day three.**

"Most of the crowd identify with a guy who's not quite an athlete and likes a pint" - **Darren Clarke, leading going into the final round, assesses his popularity.**

"I'll probably stuff my face and go to bed at about 10 - and try not to drink too much. And tomorrow morning I'll probably get up and stuff my face again" - **Clarke again, this time reflecting on how he would fill his time between the third and final rounds at Royal St George's.**

"I'm on Weight Watchers tomorrow morning. I'll probably get bored with it in a week and give up. Every time there's five points in a pint of Guinness, I think it's a real bad week for me to start" - **Champion Clarke admits diet plans could be put on hold as he celebrates his success at Royal St George's.**



DARREN CLARKE

"I will be in Killarney. I may not be sober for the Irish Open, but I will be in Killarney" - **Clarke confirms his next tournament will be an appearance, of sorts, at the Irish Open from July 28-31.**

"I'm not a fan of tournaments that the outcome is predicted so much by the weather - it's not my sort of golf. I'm looking forward to getting back to America and getting back into some nice conditions. I'd rather play when it's 80 degrees and sunny and not much wind - and there's no point in changing your game for one week a year" - **Rory McIlroy casts doubt over his ability - and desire - to compete at the Open.**

"If you sat back and thought about it all, I suppose you would consider how much of my life it is but it doesn't really bother me too much" - **Sir Alex Ferguson prepares to celebrate 25 years at Manchester United.**

"I should still be driving next year, and I don't just mean the road car to get the groceries, but I am relaxed at the moment" - **Mark Webber looks ahead to racing in Formula One with Red Bull again next season.**

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

ON Monday, Channel Four's Dispatches programme promised to blow the seedy side of football wide open with a documentary that would tell us "How to buy a football club."

Like most Saints fans, I watched it for no other reason than it would provide some amusement when Pompey were obviously mentioned.

It turned out to be a damp squib of a programme, featuring Bryan Robson and some delusional celebrity-chasing Thai businessman who boasted he could buy English "Sleeping giant" clubs and how, with the minimum of investment, they could get them promoted and make a fortune.

It was all a load of old cobbles that any old soak in your local pub could have told you and, at the end of the day no one was arrested, no one was investigated and it all proved to be a fuss about absolutely nothing.

Except for one thing, one small thing, that really, really annoyed me.

They mentioned Saints.

That's right, Southampton Football Club, bought legitimately, owned by renowned billionaire Markus Leibherr, who tragically died leaving the club in the hands of his family estate.

Quite why Dispatches seemed to find it strange that the club was in the hands of someone who is now deceased is beyond me.

It's not exactly rocket science, is it?

What was distasteful was that the situation with Saints seemed to merit more airtime than the situation down the road at Fratton Park.

So let me get this straight, the fact that Southampton FC is registered under the name DMWSL is somehow of more concern that the likes of Gaydamak, Chainrai and the Arab businessman who apparently never existed?

Quite how the programme can find the ownership of Southampton worthy of a

mention and yet not utter one single word about the unholy mess that we, the taxpayers of this country, have funded is beyond me.

The Alex Chamberlain situation is again front page news and, somewhat ironically so, is Arsene Wenger.

Wenger moans yet again about his Manchester City counterpart Roberto Mancini, who has said that he still hopes to sign Sami Nasri by the end of the month.

Apparently publicly stating a



CHAMBERLAIN

player would benefit from going to a certain club, or expressing an interest in a certain player publicly, is unfair.

This coming from the same Arsene Wenger who stated about Alex Chamberlain back in January of this year: "We will try now. We need an agreement with Southampton. We need an agreement with the player, and we are not the only ones on the case. But we try as hard as we can as I like him as a player."

Of course, to the rest of the world, there is no difference between Mancini expressing an interest in Nasri and Wenger expressing an interest in Chamberlain.

It's only in the mind of Arsene

Wenger that somehow he's being hard done by and we're not.

The harsh truth is that you can't silence every manager in the country, and quite rightly so. If Arsene Wenger rates Chamberlain, then he should be fully entitled to say so.

But if he wants to turn the player's head then he should accept the consequences and the consequences are Nicola Cortese's alleged £12 million asking price.

I'm heartily sick of managers disrupting clubs by expressing an interest in them and then leaving them alone and unsettled.

The effects Wenger's public admiration may have on the player will be noticeable, and who could blame Chamberlain if he feels disgruntled at being courted and courted and courted and then dumped?

How did Wenger feel his

actions would impact on Saints' pre season?

Does he care?

If Alex Chamberlain wants to go, let him - but only at the right price for us as a club.

If Wenger wants to pay £12 million and perhaps a player on loan then fine, if not then don't let the exit door hit your backside on the way out.

Southampton Football Club is not your feeder club any more, we're a financially independent organisation with ambitions of our own.

If you want our player, pay the going rate.

If not, then you know where you can go.

Somehow, I can't see Nicola Cortese entertaining Wenger's mind games.

It should be an interesting couple of weeks....

Put up or shut up, Arsense ...

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



TED BATES

I AM delighted to say that I will be at St Mary's today for the Memorial Cup tournament.

I have flown over from my home in South Africa to spend what is turning out to be a very busy week here.

I was at the opening of the new Markus Liebherr Lounge at St Mary's last night.

I've then got an important meeting on Monday – which you can find out more about in next Tuesday's Daily Echo.

On Tuesday, I'm hopefully off to the races at Goodwood to see my old pal Mick Channon.

My former boss at Hereford, John Sillett, should also be coming with me.

And on Wednesday, I will be at St Mary's again for the West Brom

Ted had us training on a runway!

friendly, before flying back next Friday.

But next on the agenda is today's tournament, which features Werder Bremen and Athletic Bilbao.

That sparks some nice memories for me of when we played Bilbao in the UEFA Cup in 1971.

We won the first leg 2-1 at the Dell,

but lost the away tie 2-0.

However, what I remember the most was trying to make our journey home from Spain.

We were at the airport to be picked up by our plane, but it never materialised.

There was an engineering problem or something with it.

So, like all good professionals, we headed straight for the bar.

But Ted Bates instructed our trainer, Jimmy Gallagher, to break open the kit.

Then Ted got us all to go out and train on the runway, and do exercises and sprints. It wasn't quite what we had in mind and it was a bit of an odd sight. But at least we were delayed for six or seven hours, so he couldn't keep us out there for that long.

Tevez trouble

ALEX Chamberlain isn't the only player trying to force a move away from his club right now.

Argentina striker Carlos Tevez has been trying to leave Manchester City all summer.

The problem for Tevez, though, is who is going to pay his wages?

It looked as if he was going to be heading to Brazilian club Corinthians, after they agreed a £40m deal.

But they have since pulled out of that.

Regardless of the big new TV deal for Brazilian football, they have obviously had another look at the move and decided they couldn't do it.

I think the will to bring him in was there.

But, when you're on a reported £250,000 a week, that's always going to be difficult to accommodate.

Just looking at some moves already this summer, players are having to come down with their wages.

Right now, there's not too much money flying around.

For Tevez, joining Corinthians would also have been a little bit of a step down from where he was playing, especially with

Manchester City being in the Champions League this season.

The family problem he has got – being separated from his wife and kids – is not the best of situations, and it's something he's been looking at trying to get right.

It appears Tevez has been trying to manipulate a move away from the club.

He probably felt one of the Italian clubs would come in for him.

But, again, wages become a problem.

Sergio Aguero from Atletico Madrid looks like the big one for Man City, but will they go through with that if Tevez stays on board?

What a dilemma for Roberto Mancini.

Tevez is the captain, but he doesn't want to play at the club.

As manager, I would assume he would now want him to move on.



TEVEZ

SURPRISED AT HOW ALEX HAS BEEN LEFT EXPOSED

SO Alex Chamberlain has revealed that he wants to leave Southampton.

I have to say that I am surprised – not that he wants to go, but the way he has made it public.

The 17-year-old conducted two big interviews this week, in The Sun and Daily Mirror, saying he sees his future elsewhere.

And it is no secret that Arsenal would desperately love to sign Chamberlain.

But whoever is advising him, whether it's his father or his agent, I'm surprised they allowed him to talk to two pretty big newspapers.

I can understand that the lad will be very keen to move on.

And I'm absolutely sure that a move to Arsenal, if it does come off, will be excellent for him.

But, at the same time, you have got to have a bit more control, and respect for the club you are actually playing for.

I am surprised they exposed him like that.

If you're not careful, you can make a bad name for yourself – and people might start look-

ing at you in a different light.

By doing the interviews, he's trying to push the button and force an issue.

But you leave those things to your agents and father, Mark, in particular, who is experienced in handling that type of thing, as he was a good player himself and knows what it's about.

There are times when it's right to have your say, and other times when you should keep quiet – and this is one of those times to just get your head down and get on with it.

Part of Chamberlain's statement was a bit naïve too, when he said "I could spend a year in the Championship and, though this might sound negative, I could get injured and that opportunity might be lost."

Well, you could also get knocked down by a bus crossing the road.

He's a young lad and I he's just got to get on with his football.

If Southampton are going to sell him then it will happen sooner or later.

The interviews obviously make the situation difficult – and that's why the club have

fined him.

It takes away a little bit more of the club's bargaining power, as everyone else knows the player really wants to leave.

So I can understand Southampton being upset at the comments.

The club are producing some outstanding players through their academy.

But you have to ask when will they stop manufacturing them for other teams and start using them for themselves?

There are a lot of things the club now has to think about.

Is the time now coming round where they might think twice about selling their young players?



Adam Rant

This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Woods wobble

TIGER Woods' decision to sack his caddie Steve Williams smacks a little of desperation.

Whenever you hear of sportsmen changing caddies or coaches you start to wonder what is going on in their minds.

Sometimes a



change is necessary, sometimes people just can't work together.

But Williams has caddied for 13 out of 14 major wins for Woods so to ditch him now, when Woods most needs the help on a difficult comeback trail, makes you think he might be desperately searching for something that he himself is now missing.

Ashes victory

TRYING to rate the best ever Test match is a bit like asking someone to pick their favourite Beatle.

They were all good in their own, unique and special way.

Test cricket is a brilliant format and



still looks strong 2,000 matches on from when it all started.

For Adam Rant the answer is probably any time England beat Australia, probably Edgbaston 2005 – and, for the record, probably Paul McCartney (pictured above).



ALEX Chamberlain has certainly set the cat amongst the St Mary's pigeons this week.

His interviews in two national newspapers stating that he feels he is ready to play in the Premier League – and that therefore he could leave Saints this summer to achieve it as quickly as possible – is not what Nigel Adkins needed.

The interviews were believed to be unauthorised by the club and, as such, they have decided to fine him for his actions.

The whole thing is a massive distraction Saints could really do without.

It has opened up a debate on their handling of the Chamberlain situation and, on reflection, you have to confess it is a tricky situation for Adkins and Nicola Cortese.

Seasoned Saints watchers have been there and seen this all before – a star player gets the sniff of a massive move to a bigger club and is probably advised on things to do to make it happen.

If Adam Rant were advising Chamberlain, and he really wanted to go to Arsenal, I would have told him to put in a transfer request.

You can do it in a private and respectful manner.

Chamberlain has opted for the newspaper route, which probably indicates the move is off the boil a little and he wants the suitors to know his intentions to try and force something to happen.

Also, with Saints backed into a corner

facing the prospect of potentially having to sell one of their star players, they may negotiate more rapidly to get a deal done.

Whatever you think of his tactics, nobody should blame Chamberlain for wanting to join Arsenal – nobody complains when a player from Exeter or Bristol Rovers wants to better themselves by joining Saints, so it's not any different.

And for all those that have argued it's not done Theo Walcott much good, Adam Rant would ask 'the multi-millionaire Premier League, Champions League and England footballer Theo Walcott?'

Bet he's kicking himself he didn't have two years in League One.

From a Saints point of view, it is always hard to deal with – and let's not forget that Cortese is an inexperienced chairman still, and Adkins has not had a vast deal of experience in dealing with interest from clubs on this level.

They can only handle it as they see fit.

But, as galling as it might be and though it might prick their tempers somewhat, they need to be pragmatic in their approach.

It's all very well and good thinking you won't sell a player for far more than their market value and, if nobody reaches that, then you'll hold him to his contract.

A club one day may take a stance and banish a player to the reserves to prove a point.

But the reason that doesn't happen is that it doesn't make business sense – and Saints are a business, one whose last accounts showed they are losing money at a reasonable rate.

They are also a team and an unhappy player is no good to Adkins, and it's no good to his teammates who know he wants to leave.

Any sub-standard performance, which you will get from a 17-year-old stepping up to a level he has never played at before this coming season, is going to be questioned as being a lack of motivation or dedication to the team.

Don't think that just makes life hard for Chamberlain; it's the whole side.

More importantly, and this is the key thing for Saints, they have to plan for the new season.

ADKINS

They are hardly a club bursting at the seams with wide right midfield players – in fact, the outbound Jason Puncheon aside, they don't have a recognised and proven man in that role.

Chamberlain is a real focal point for them, a player they are certain can make the step up to the Championship in a squad that contains a few question marks.

If he were to go, then they need a replacement. To keep him right until the end of the window will provide not only a massive distraction Saints don't need at a tough enough time anyway, but also leave their plans in tatters if he goes right at the close of the window.

Many of the best players will be gone and Saints can't afford to have a makeshift to replace a star.

The only caveat to this is that no one outside of those running the club can be certain where any potential cash from the sale will go.

If it wouldn't be reinvested in the squad then you can see the argument for trying to hold on by asking a crazy price.

If you want to be critical of the club, then you could argue this situation was always on the cards.

And, just as the Alan Pardew saga was allowed to drag through the summer of 2010 and then derail the start of the last campaign, this has been allowed to fester too. Admittedly it's hard to deal with, but deal with it Saints must.

CORTESE

Whether they like it or not, their hand has been forced.

Adkins and Cortese need to have only one thought now – to do what is in the best interests of the club, and forget everybody else.

Huge distraction that Adkins doesn't need

You will be stronger!

FORMER England boss Glenn Hoddle believes Cherries' management duo have the youthful enthusiasm to succeed – and he thinks they will emerge stronger for last season's play-off heartache.

Hoddle is tipping rookies Lee Bradbury and Steve Fletcher to benefit in the long run after tasting the agony of penalty shoot-out defeat at Huddersfield in May.

The former Saints boss was speaking after watching Cherries defeat his Glenn Hoddle Academy team on spot kicks in the EC Group Cup at Seward Stadium last weekend.

Hoddle's academy forged solid links with Cherries last term and the former Spurs star admitted he had sympathised with Bradbury and Fletcher after seeing them narrowly miss out on promotion.

But while he believes management is as tough as ever, Hoddle thinks Cherries have men well equipped for the task.

Speaking to the Daily Echo, he said: "It has always been difficult, whether you are at the top of the Premier League or in the lower leagues, Conference or wherever.

"There are a lot of demands from all sorts of people – the public, the supporters, television and media. It has not got easier.

"But I think Lee is well equipped.

GLENN HODDLE



BRADBURY



FLETCHER

Him and Fletch are young, they have got energy, they are vibrant and they want to do well. We played them down here in a friendly last season and we do know them. Graham Rix (Glenn Hoddle Academy senior coach) knows Bradders really well.

"When they got knocked out in the play-offs, all of us felt for them. But sometimes you have to learn the hard way and, sometimes, that is the best way to learn – if you can take that experience on the chin and carry it forward.

"Lee and Fletch as a management team will be a better team for what happened to them."

The Glenn Hoddle Academy gives players released from clubs a second chance and tries to hone their skills to help them get into the professional game.

Hoddle, who saw his young hopefuls claim a 1-1 draw against Bradbury's men on Saturday before losing on penalties, is keen to build on his academy's links with Cherries.

He added: "Ben Williamson has been down here and Billy Lumley was here on trial. There have been players that have had association with Bournemouth and it would be nice to kkeep that.

"Everyone saw on Saturday that we have got some talented players and I believe most of them could do very well in the league and who knows where they could go in the coming years."

Golf Stats

Clarke on the rise

DARREN Clarke is up from 111th in the world to 30th after his amazing Open triumph at Sandwich.

The 42-year-old, oldest man to lift the Claret Jug since Roberto de Vicenzo in 1967, is only the sixth player to win a major from outside the world's top 100 since the rankings started in 1986.

The others were: John Daly (168th, US PGA 1991, 109th, Open 1995), Paul Lawrie (159th, Open 1999), Ben Curtis (396th, Open 2003), Shaun Micheel (169th, US PGA 2003), YE Yang (110th, US PGA 2009).

Latest leading positions in the world golf rankings after The Open:

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City seek teen aces
WINCHESTER City's youth section is looking to expand. Not content with their recent 10-1 mauling of Cardiff City youth, the club are looking for more football-minded teenagers to join their flourishing set-up.

City would like to hear from players aged nine to 16 who are eager to improve and want to join a club who care about development and having fun.

Trials will take place this coming week – under-9s and 10s (July 25), under-11s and 12s (July 27) and Under-13s and 14s (July 29).

For more information regarding the trials and City's youth programme please call youth development manager Sam Scott on 07557 877157.

Craig follows Leader
FLEET Town have signed former Bashley, Salisbury City and AFC Totton player Craig Davis.

The box-to-box midfielder, pictured below, moved from Gosport Borough to Andover last season and follows ex-Lions boss Andy Leader, Fleet manager Steve Mellor's new assistant, to Calthorpe Park.

Davis's name will be all too familiar to Fleet fans from his days with Totton.



In 2008/09 he plundered a hat-trick of penalties against the North Hampshire club in the Stags' 5-2 FA Cup third qualifying round win at Testwood Park.

Voted player-of-the-round, he earned a trip to Wembley as part of the 'Team of the FA Cup' alongside Premier League stars Scott Parker, Mikel Arteta and Phil Jagielka. Also new in at Fleet is former Winchester City goalkeeper Andy Bayliss.

Kings kicking off

THE 'Kings of Ringwood' pre-season tournament kicks off at Long Lane on Tuesday (July 26, 7.45pm) when hosts Ringwood Town take on Bisterne Rangers.

On Wednesday evening Bisterne face Christchurch and the winners of each match will meet in next Saturday's (July 30) final, 4pm. The third-versus-fourth play-off is at 1.30pm and the awards ceremony is planned for 7.30pm.

Eastleigh's youth scheme is paying dividends

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IT'S not just young ex-pros who have made their mark on trial at Eastleigh this pre-season.

Three home-grown products of the club's existing youth/academy scheme have started full-time training with the Blue Square Bet South club.

Liam Hibberd has potential in central midfield, while the Wilson boys – forward Sam and full-back Ben (no relation) – have looked highly competent in pre-season friendlies.

Ben, 17, impressed once again in the 0-0 draw at Weymouth on Wednesday and 16-year-old Sam's lively performances have won the approval of director of football David Malone.

"Little Sam Wilson has got a lot of potential," said Malone after the youngster had scored twice in last Saturday's 4-0 win at Romsey Town – with a header and then from a penalty.

"He could have gone to a pro club as a trainee, but he chose to come here because he can see real possibilities of getting into the first team.

"If he does that and scores goals, he'll have no end of clubs sniffing round.

"Ben Wilson has also done himself the world of good playing at left-back. He's a real whole-hearted player."

Although Eastleigh's full-time training scheme is very much in its infancy, manager Ian Baird can already see the benefits.

"Ben and Sam were in our reserves last year so I knew all about them and they're both benefiting from full-time training," he said. "But they're only young and it's one step at a time."

Hibberd and the two Wilsons have been joined in full-time training by

BAIRD BOYS LOOK GOOD



IMPRESSIVE: Eastleigh's Ben Wilson, left, in pre-season action against the visiting Falklands team.

17-year-old England Schoolboys defender Jack Vallis from Shrewton United. But, though the Spitfires anticipate bright futures for all four

youngsters, they need a few more recruits in the slightly more mature mould of 19-year-old frontman Andrew White who was a first-year

pro at Gillingham last season.

Ex-Stockport County midfielder Jordan Rose, 21, and 19-year-old 6ft 5in centre back Ryan Tafazolli, released by Saints in May, would fit the bill nicely provided they are affordable. But both young men crave an immediate return to the Football League and are heading elsewhere for trials.

Rose is off to try his luck with Bristol Rovers and Crewe, while Tafazolli is out to impress Saints' Championship rivals Reading.

"Ryan's trained with us a couple of times and he did okay at Weymouth," said Ian Baird. "He's off to Reading now and we'll see what happens there."

"We've got the nucleus of our squad but we need another goalkeeper and we could do with the likes of Jordan Rose and Ryan Tafazolli. But it's difficult because all these players who get released have aspirations of going back into full-time League football."

"They've got agents, some good and some bad, who are trying to do what's best for them and get them trials, but the reality is that some of these lads are going to be left in the lurch."

"They've got to realise that sometimes you have to take a step back in order to go forward. But sometimes explaining that to these players is like talking to a brick wall. They don't necessarily believe what you're telling them."

Eastleigh's other trialists at Weymouth included ex-Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Mike Green, who is currently on trial at Cheltenham Town, and midfielder Gary Pride and Australian centre-half/full-back Billy Tsovolos, both from Portsmouth.

The game ended goalless but Baird felt Eastleigh were worth a win.

"Andrew White created some good chances for himself. On another day he would have scored four," said the boss.

The Spitfires visit Sholing on Tuesday, Oxford City next Saturday and then entertain Saints at the Silverlake Stadium on Wednesday, August 3 (7.45pm).

Flip-flops at the ready

IAN Baird has likened Eastleigh's task next season to "trying to climb Everest in a pair of flip-flops."

It's a challenge the ex-Saint is fully geared up for, but Baird knows that competing in the tough world of the Conference South with a core of just nine senior players will be a tall order.

Tom Jordan, Jamie Slabber, Danny Smith, Ross Bottomley, Gareth Barfoot, Richard Gillespie and Jamie Brown are all that remain of last season's squad who just missed out on the play-offs.

Long-time Spitfires servant Andy Forbes has returned to the club after a spell with Woking and Sutton, while former Gillingham first-year pro Andrew White is one of the first to sign up for the Spitfires' full-time player development programme.

Three promising home-grown youngsters – Ben Wilson, Sam Wilson and Liam Hibberd – have

also started full-time training with the Stoneham Lane club as has England Schoolboys defender Jack Vallis from Shrewton United.

"It's an interesting and exciting project but, believe you me, it's going to be a very, very difficult year," said Baird. "I've used the old adage of climbing Everest in pair of flip-flops!"

"On the positive side, we've got one or two good young players who can hopefully progress in the same way as Aaron Martin, Brett Williams, Damian Scannell and Mark Marshall and go on and have professional careers."

"The young players we've got have a fantastic attitude and it's a case of starting with a clean sheet and trying to develop."

Losing high-calibre players like Tony Taggart, Anthony Riviere,

Peter Adeniyi and Richard Graham has been tough to take for Baird as the club go down the route of youth development.

But, having signed a new contract last season, he is determined to see the project through.

"If I'm honest I could have walked away from the club," he told Eastleigh FC's Radio Spitfire. "This is not what I want, but I'm seriously up for the challenge. Next season is going to be a survival season. It will be a roller-coaster, but I feel very positive about it as long as I'm allowed to do my job properly."

Understandably, Eastleigh's change of direction has been met with scepticism from some fans, fearing a play-off near miss will be followed by a season of struggle.



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AFC TOTTON boss Stuart Ritchie will not be rushed into putting the finishing touches to his squad.

The Southern One South & West champions have got a dozen players signed on from last season's promotion-winning side.

And given the interest sparked by the Stags' rise into non-League's Step 3, Ritchie knows he will not be short of trialists hammering at the door.

Apart from goalkeeper Warren Carter, who missed much of last season with a dislocated shoulder, Totton fielded established players for the first 45 minutes of Wednesday's 1-0 friendly defeat by Saints under-21s.

But the second half was an entirely experimental affair with goalkeeper Grant Porter, striker Nathaniel Sherborne and right-back Ryan Hill, who returned to the club this summer, the only familiar substitutes on show.

Matt Oldring, formerly of AFC Bournemouth and Weymouth, replaced Sean Hankin at left-back. Hill took over from Aidan Lewis and Michael Charles made way for Sherborne up front.

Ritchie then took off Stefan Brown and top scorer Mike Gosney to give a run-out to former Eastleigh reserve frontmen Joe Maxwell and Immanuel 'Manny' Soetan, who hails from Milton Keynes but is studying at Southampton Solent University.

Totton also gave a 20-minute run out to centre-back Danny Hodnett, formerly of Evesham, Kidderminster and Worcester, while home-grown youngsters Scott Chester and Callum Davies also got in on the act.

Ritchie was also planning to cast an eye over another couple of trialists at home to Farnborough this afternoon (Saturday) and again at home to Salisbury City on

Tuesday.

"We've got 12 players signed on, so there's no panic," he said. "A lot of lads I've spoken to are with clubs of a slightly higher calibre than us, so we'll see what happens. Hopefully one or two of the trialists we've been looking at will be good enough. It's early days for the lads on trial. It takes time to work out what people are about."

A busy week for Totton began with a club open day last Saturday.

The public were invited to look round the new Testwood Stadium facilities and watch a first-team training session.

There were coaching sessions for younger fans, a penalty shootout competition and a display of the many trophies the Stags won during a sparkling 2010/11 campaign. One of those trophies – the Southern One South & West 'Golden Boot' – was presented to Stags' 36-goal winger Mike Gosney by Saints boss Nigel Adkins on Wednesday.



FINGERS CROSSED: Fans show off AFC Totton trophies at the club's open day at Testwood Stadium, above. Left: Boss Stuart Ritchie sums up a training session.



Ritchie playing it cool

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE:

Totton warm up for the season in a 1-0 defeat against a Saints XI at Testwood.



Non-league News

Reeves recognition

POOLE Town stalwart Chris Reeves has been nominated for a prestigious national award.

The Dolphins vice-chairman is in the running for an FA Community Award in the 'outstanding contribution to community football' category.

Reeves first became involved with Poole when he joined the supporters' club in 1974.

He then became club secretary before rising to his current position.

He has been a long-time campaigner in the club's pursuit of a new home, which finally came to fruition in April when they were granted planning permission to build a £2 million stadium near Bearwood.

The awards ceremony will take place in The FA Club hospitality suite at Wembley on Sunday, August 7, before the Community Shield match between Manchester City and Manchester United.

Charlie's on target

FORMER Poole Town hotshot Charlie Austin is finally back in the goal-scoring groove.

Six months after making a £1.2m move from Swindon Town to Burnley, the one-time Wessex League star, pictured, hit the target for the Claretts in a 3-0 pre-season win at Bury.

It was the 22-year-old's first goal for Burnley and came just seven minutes into his comeback from long-term injury.

Austin, who underwent surgery on a dislocated shoulder in early March, received the ball on the edge of the area and powered home a ferocious shot with the aid of a slight deflection.



Stan's the man

NEW Milton Town have snapped up seven new players following the departure of Stuart Mott to Alresford Town.

The one to watch, according to co-boss Darran Atkins, is Russell Stanley, who was scouted playing parks football.

Other Linnet newcomers include Shaun Newman (Chichester), Danny Rimmer (Horndean), Matt Waite (Moneyfields) and AFC Portchester duo Brad Johnson and Luke Sweeney. Ringwood's Nick Howells has also moved to Fawcett's Field.

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Terras cameo for Laws
FORMER Eastleigh striker David Laws was handed a cameo appearance by Weymouth in their 1-0 home friendly defeat by Gillingham last Saturday.

Laws, pictured, unveiled a plaque before kick-off to officially mark the renaming of the Terras' Wessex Stadium home in honour of late lifetime president Bob Lucas.

Weymouth boss Brendon King said:

"Lawy is a club legend and it was great to be able to give him a little cameo. I was half expecting him to go on and score! It was fantastic he was able to come down and do his bit for the club."

Laws was one of the first big signings of Eastleigh's transformation under Paul Doswell.

The Spitfires paid Weymouth £6,000 for him in August 2002 but he move did not work out, however, and Eastleigh tore up the then 34-year-old's three-year contract just seven months later.

Poore run of luck

POOLE Town's Southern League preparations have suffered a major setback with news that captain Carl Poore is set for an ankle operation.

The influential right-back, below, is due to meet a consultant next week to discover the full extent of the injury which has kept him out of action since last season's FA Vase defeat at Whitley Bay.

Poore, who led the Dolphins to Sydenhams Wessex Premier glory and promotion to non-League's Step 4, said: "I went for an MRI scan and the results have showed quite a lot of problems with the ankle."

"There is a split tendon, ligament damage and an old break in there somewhere with lots of floating bone."

"It's a bit of a nightmare. I was walking along the road and it just gave way and I went down and cut my head open. I knew I couldn't carry on like that."

BURNETT'S RELISHING TITLE FIGHT

WITH proven hot shot Warren Hunt heading an impressive batch of summer signings at Gang Warily, Blackfield & Langley are being touted as serious contenders for the Sydenhams Premier title.

But Glenn Burnett, a recent recruit to the Watersiders' management team, feels the club still have much to prove after finishing 14th last term.

While three-times champions Poole Town's promotion has left the door open for a new club to rule the Wessex roost, Blackfield must still eclipse the likes of Winchester, Bemerton, Brading, Bournemouth and Christchurch who all finished well above them in the 2010/11 pecking order.

"When you sign a player like Warren Hunt you definitely mean business and if people want to put us in the same category as clubs like Bemerton and Bournemouth, we'll take that," said the former Romsey Town boss, pictured right.

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"But we finished 14th last season and, while we massively want to build on that, we've got to have respect for other clubs."

"I'm sure the likes of Winchester, Bemerton and Bournemouth will be right up there – and even Lymington Town with the signings they've made."

"There's also Christchurch and Fareham and I wouldn't be surprised to see Hamble do well."

"Hamble finished strongly last season and they've got a lot of good players who could play in the league above."

"So many clubs must be thinking they've got a chance now that Poole have gone."

"We've already seen what Brading can do. They just tweaked their side last year and they had a hell of a season."



BIG SIGNING: Warren Hunt with Blackfield & Langley manager Louis Bell after joining the club last month.

Burnett, 37, is itching to get started again having taken a year out of football following his departure from Romsey last summer.

Rumours abounded that he was destined for Brockenhurst last term, but he said: "I've not been anywhere. I've just watched a few games and done a bit of fishing."

"I've enjoyed the break, it's recharged me a bit."

"The Blackfield job is just right for me at this present moment."

"People keep asking whether I'm a manager or coach, but I'm not really bothered about the job title. I'm just happy to be part of the management team. We'll pick the side together."

"I already knew quite a few people

at Blackfield. I was a player there and me and Lee Harrison (Burnett's former assistant) went in to run the side just before I was taken to Romsey by Trevor Holmes."

Joining Burnett at Gang Warily is his old Romsey statistics man John McFarlane.

"John used to do stats bits for me at Romsey and we'll be going into it a lot more deeply at Blackfield," Burnett explained. "The more information we can give players after games and training, the better. We might even get some university lads in to work alongside John."

"We've also got a really good physio in Gordon McGinn whose knowledge of players is second to none."

Although it is still early days for Burnett at Blackfield, he is encouraged by how well the team is shaping up.

Along with Hunt, the Watersiders have signed Totton & Eling frontman Beng'yela Ngwa, former Alton winger Paul Preston, Ashley Johnson and Callum Tanner from Romsey, Alresford's former Romsey wideman Tom Donaldson, centre-back Scott Sampson from Newport IoW, Darren Curtis from Wimborne and Lymington's Tom Barge.

Defender Danny Horrell from Moneyfields and ex-Pompey and Dunfermline midfielder Liam Horsted are poised to put pen to paper as is 19-year-old frontman Daniel Bogard, an ex-Pompey youngster just back from the USA.

Add those to the existing squad and things are looking good for the new campaign.

"I've been really impressed with the players already at the club," said Burnett. "We've got people like Charlton Clarke here and everyone's pleased that Maurice Stuart has resigned."

On the debit side Blackfield have lost experienced defender Shaun Hughes for the upcoming campaign.

Hughes, who captained the side last season, is out long-term with cruciate ligament damage.

Blackfield produced an impressive pre-season display to defeat a Havant & Waterlooville XI 3-0 at Gang Warily last Friday courtesy of new signings Ngwa, Preston and Hunt.

Favourites clash on opening day

TWO of the expected heavyweights of the new Sydenhams Premier season will come face to face on the opening day.

Winchester City, who wound up third last term, travel to Louis Bell's ambitious, new-look Blackfield & Langley side on Saturday, August 13.

Bell's side were hammered 6-0 by City at Gang Warily on the closing day of last season but, with the master marksman Warren Hunt spearheading their attack, should be a tougher proposition this time round.

Looking ahead to the rematch, Bell said: "We have to play Winchester some time."

"There won't be an easy game in that division this season, no matter who we play, and we know sides are going to raise their game against the likes of us, Winchester and Lymington Town, who have also made some good signings."

"To be fair to (Winchester owner) Paul McCarthy, he's gone out on a limb and put money into the club and signed some very good players. They'll be a good side again just as they were last season."

"But things are taking shape nicely for us and we're thinking of no one apart from ourselves."

The flurry of summer transfer activity from the likes of Blackfield and Lymington

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE AUGUST FIXTURES

Saturday, August 13 – Premier Division: Alton Tn v Alresford Tn, Bemerton Heath v Brading Tn, Blackfield & Lang v Winchester City, Fareham Tn v Totton & Eling, Hamworthy Utd v Bournemouth

Poppies, Hayling Utd v Lymington Tn, Hordean v Downton, Laverstock & Ford v N Milton Tn, Moneyfields v Christchurch, Newport IoW v Fawley AFC, Romsey Tn v GE Hamble.

Division One: Brockenhurst v Andover NS, Cowes Spts v Amesbury Tn, Fleet Spurs v US Portsmouth, Petersfield Tn v Ringwood Tn, Pewsey Vale v Team Solent, Tadley Calvea v Hythe & Didcot, Verwood Tn v AFC Portchester, Warminster Tn v Stockbridge, Whitchurch Utd v E Cowes Vics.

Monday, August 15 – Prem Division: Bemerton Heath v Alresford Tn.

Tuesday, August 16 – Premier Division: Bournemouth Poppies v GE Hamble, Brading Tn v Moneyfields,

Christchurch v Downton, Hamworthy Utd v New Milton Tn, Laverstock & Ford v Lymington Tn.

Saturday, August 20 – Prem Division: Laverstock & Ford v Fawley AFC.

Division One: Andover NS v Hythe & Didcot, E Cowes Vics v Amesbury, Stockbridge v Fleet Spurs, T Calvea v US Portsmouth, Warminster v Team Solent.

Tuesday, August 23 – Premier Division: Blackfield & Langley v Fareham Tn, Brading Tn v Alton Tn, Downton v Lymington Town, GE Hamble v Newport IoW, Moneyfields v Romsey Tn, N Milton Tn v Fawley AFC.

Wednesday, August 24 – Premier Division: Win City v Alresford Tn.

Saturday, August 27 – Premier Division: Alresford Tn v Hordean, Bournemouth v Fawley AFC, Downton v Bemerton Heath, GE Hamble v Alton Tn, Hamworthy Utd v Lymington Tn, Laverstock & Ford v Blackfield & Langley, Moneyfields v Fareham Tn, N Milton Tn v Totton & Eling, Romsey Tn v Newport IoW, Win City v Hayling Utd.

Division One: Brockenhurst v AFC Portchester, Fleet Spurs v Ringwood Tn, Petersfield Tn v Team Solent, Pewsey Vale v US Portsmouth, Stockbridge v Andover NS, Verwood Tn v E Cowes Vics, Warminster v Hythe & Didcot, Whitchurch v Amesbury Tn.

Monday, August 29 – Premier Division: Alresford Tn v GE Hamble, Alton Tn v Moneyfields, Bemerton Heath v Hamworthy Utd, Bournemouth Poppies v Lymington Tn, Downton v Laverstock & Ford, Hayling Utd v Brading Tn, Hordean v Fareham Tn, New Milton Town v Christchurch, Newport IoW v Blackfield & Langley, Romsey Tn v Winchester City, Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC.

Division One: Brockenhurst v Hythe & Didcot, Cowes Spts v Team Solent, E Cowes Vics v US Portsmouth, Fleet Spurs v Andover NS, Petersfield Tn v Whitchurch Utd, Pewsey Vale v Verwood Tn, Stockbridge v Ringwood Tn, Warminster Tn v Amesbury Tn.

Tuesday, August 30 – Division One: Tadley Calvea v AFC Portchester.

has already attracted criticism from some quarters. In last week's Pink Totton & Eling manager Kev Dawtry described some of the money being spent in the Wessex League as "beyond my comprehension" and questioned whether players are joining clubs for the right reasons.

"Teams are going to come here wanting to beat us because people think we're the ones spending loads of money," said Bell.

"We've already had some of that from Kev Dawtry, but he should concentrate on running his own side rather than comment on what other clubs are doing."

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Non-league Football

City put through their paces by Hants Cricket coach

A LONGSTANDING friendship between Salisbury City's assistant boss Mikey Harris and Hampshire Cricket coach Iain Brunnschweiler saw Whites players undergo a very different pre-season training session at Hampshire's world famous Rose Bowl complex.

Harris explained: "Brunnschy is a great mate of mine - he is first-team coach at Hampshire and also does strength and conditioning work for their academy.

"The idea was to give the lads something different to break up the pre-season a little as we have been working them very, very hard in the couple of weeks since they've been back.

"This was a different environment and was also a team-bonding exercise.

"Perhaps without realising, the players were tested very well in a session that was fun and enjoyable but also very high intensity, including aerobic

exercise and sprinting.

"At the end of training we had the bowling machine on for a bit of relaxation.

"The lads faced tennis balls travelling at 80 or 90 mph and that must have given them a bit more admiration than they possibly had for cricketers who face a hard leather ball!

"It was good to forge a link with the Hampshire club and that could possibly develop in other ways," he added.

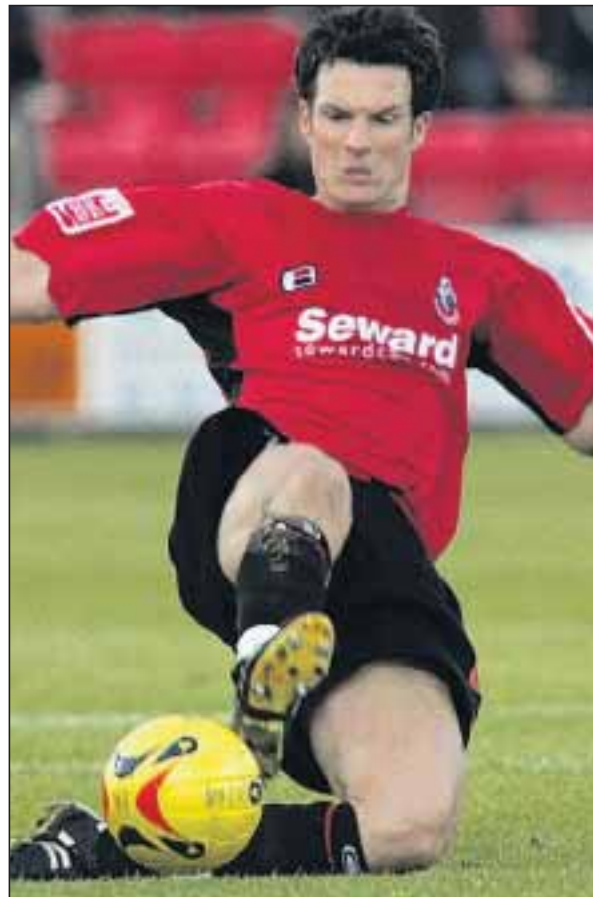
"We would like to thank everyone at Hampshire, and in particular Brunnschy, for giving up his time."

Brunnschweiler is no stranger to football. He kept goal for AFC Totton in their FA Vase final season of 2006/07.

FRIENDSHIP: Mikey Harris, left, and with Iain Brunnschweiler.



CITY SIGNAL INTENT



LEAGUE EXPERIENCE: New Winchester City signing Marcus Browning.

WINCHESTER City have given their Wessex title hopes a double shot in the arm with the signings of Marcus Browning and Chris Mason.

The Denplan City Ground new boys are at opposite ends of the football spectrum, writes **WENDY GEE**.

Veteran midfielder Browning brings with him a wealth of Football League experience from the likes of Bristol Rovers, Huddersfield, Gillingham and AFC Bournemouth, having clocked up in excess of 400 professional games.

Twenty-year-old Mason, meanwhile, is in pursuit of regular first-team football having spent the best part of four years on the first-team fringes at Eastleigh and gathering Southern League experience with Bashley.

Bristol-born Browning spent the back end of last season with promoted Sydenhams Premier champions Poole Town, making seven league appearances for the Dorset club.

Now City hope he will be part of another title-winning set-up at the Denplan City Ground.

"At the moment Marcus has got a slight tweak on the knee and he's not fit," said manager Guy Butters, pictured below.

"But he works at the youth academy at Bournemouth and he's still in great nick."

Browning, a former Wales international, made more than 180 appearances for the Cherries from 2002 to 2007 and Winchester owner Paul McCarthy is delighted to have him on board.

"We're waiting for Marcus to recover from injury and I reckon we're talking a month before he can play again," he said.

"It's great having someone like him at the club. He's so pro-

fessional. He's played with Guy and they've got a great understanding between them."

Mason graduated from Eastleigh's youth to first team in November 2007 but struggled to dislodge more experienced players from Ian Baird's Blue Square Bet South side.

He has spent much of the last two seasons on a dual-signing at Bashley where he had 61 outings for Steve Riley's men, scoring two goals.

McCarthy knows Southampton-born Mason well through his son Conor.

"Chris was at Saints and Pompey as a youngster with Conor and I've always rated him highly," he said.

"He is somewhat of a small legend on the south coast.

"He's a well-respected individual and is a great signing for us. "We're glad to get people of Marcus and Chris's calibre on board. They will be great players for us."

As an added boost for Winchester, striker Ben Kneller is working his way back to fitness.

Kneller was the club's leading scorer when he suffered cruciate knee ligament damage last September, ruling him out for the rest of last season.

He has resumed training, but the cautious Butters has no intention of rushing him back into action.

"You can't put a time on it with Ben," he said. "He's a keen lad but my concern is that he'll try and do too much too quickly.

"He needs a lot of strengthening around the knee. I'd rather he concentrated getting the knee strong again than risk coming back too soon and getting injured again.

"Ben will be massive for us when he does come back. He's a good, honest lad."



Non-league News

Webb eyes pro return
WIMBORNE Town's former AFC Bournemouth midfielder George Webb would relish a return to the professional ranks.

Webb, who made one League Two appearance under former Dean Court boss Eddie Howe in 2009, signed for Wimborne from Hamworthy United this summer.

After being released by Howe following Cherries' Greatest Escape campaign three years ago, Webb, below, joined Southern League outfit Gosport Borough before dropping into the Wessex League with Bournemouth Poppies and Hamworthy.

Now the 21-year-old is back in the Southern League again and eager to prove himself.

"One day I would love to be playing again at professional level," he said.

"I am genuinely excited about a fresh start at Wimborne Town as it is a fantastic club.

"(Wimborne boss) Steve Cuss is a great coach who gives 100 per cent to get the best out of his players and expects high levels of professionalism."

Hawks sort New deal
BLUE Square Bet South club Havant & Waterlooville have announced that former Staines and Bashley defender Jake Newton has signed a new contract at West Leigh Park.

When talks broke down between Newton and Hawks boss Shaun Gale, pictured below, over a new contract earlier in the summer, it looked as though the 2010/11 players' player-of-the-season could be on his way.

But Newton's appearance against Portsmouth in a friendly last week signalled the return of one of the club's most consistent and hard-working players.



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Non-league Football

Non-league News

Dan's short move

DAN Newman, who captained Downton to the Sydenhams Division One title last season, has signed for Premier Division neighbours Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

Newman, pictured below, could face his former side in the FA Cup first qualifying round should both sides progress.

The Robins, meanwhile, have announced that Mike Turner, founder of the Sport4Salisbury website and former Salisbury City press officer, has agreed to take over as secretary.

Chairman Mark Smith said: "We're thrilled to have someone of the calibre of Mike on the team. His contacts and knowledge at our level of football will prove invaluable as we build towards a future where Downton can continue to thrive."

Smith also put on record his thanks to outgoing secretary Jim Blake, who remains with the Robins and is a key part of the club committee.

Crook goes to Town

FORMER Salisbury City and Bemerton Heath Harlequins striker Darren Crook has joined Sydenhams One outfit Amesbury Town.

The 28-year-old, who has been helping out with some coaching for the Blues, made a second-half appearance for his new club in their midweek friendly against Downton.

Crook made about 100 appearances for Salisbury between 2002 and 2004, scoring one of the goals that helped book them an FA Cup first round appearance at Sheffield Wednesday in November 2003.

Rangers reinforcements

HEDGE End's under-11 A side are looking for two additional players to join their successful squad on their rise into the Tyro ranks next season.

Ideally the club need experienced players with a willingness to learn. If top quality, fun coaching and the opportunity to play good football at the highest level is of interest, please ring Dave Kimber on 07770 411961 or Glyn Mason on 07725 919308 or email HERangers@btinternet.com



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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

EX-SAINTS academy player Brett Poate heads a batch of summer signings at Gosport Borough.

Until this week it had been an uncharacteristically quiet pre-season at Privett Park, but manager Alex Pike doesn't stay low-key for long.

He has drafted in ten new – and not so new – faces as well as welcoming back on-loan Havant & Waterlooville striker Liam Sewell on a season-long deal.

Left-sided defender/midfielder Poate is the most high profile of the new arrivals.

Originally it had looked as if the 27-year-old would be heading back to his old club Havant following his release from Eastleigh in May.

But Poate, who made 237 appearances for the Hawks before joining Eastleigh in May 2009, has dropped two divisions into the Evo-Stik Southern One South & West having never played below Conference South level before.

Salisbury City duo Jason Silver and Ryan Pryce have also joined Pike's revamped squad.

Pacy winger/forward Silver is an Army player based at Tidworth, while ex-AFC Bournemouth goalkeeper Pryce had spells on loan at Gosport and Andover last season.

Another familiar face returning to Privett Park is well-travelled former Basingstoke, AFC Newbury and Newport IoW midfielder/frontman Lee Chudy who finished last season as top scorer with Wimborne Town.

Pike has also delved into the Wessex ranks for a number of players, the most experienced of which is Lee Molyneaux who was player/assistant manager at Blackfield



SUMMER SIGNING: Brett Poate, right, has joined Gosport Borough.

& Langley last term.

Molyneaux, 28, includes Portsmouth, League of Ireland side Derry City, Oxford United, Basingstoke, Weymouth and Forest Green Rovers among his previous clubs.

Two members of Horndean's promotion-winning squad have also climbed aboard – midfielder George Way and striker Nathan Paxton who scored against Borough in last season's Portsmouth Senior Cup.

Fareham Town's 18-year-old wideman Mark Cotton has left Cams Alders to test himself in the league above and is joined by Nathan Kirby who returns to Gosport after a season-long loan with the Sydenhams Premier side.

Finally, former Borough defender Gavin Jones is back at Privett Park after a spell at Moneyfields.

Four players – Jack Smith, Alex Ward, Pete Castle (now Lymington Town) and Nathan Lynch (now

Wimborne Town) have left during the summer months.

The remainder of last season's squad have remained at Gosport, including James Ford who will take up the dual role of player/fitness coach.

● The Newman/Harper Memorial Game between Fareham Town and Gosport Borough has been switched to Privett Park on Tuesday (July 26).

Salisbury downed by display of goal scoring Sho-manship

SHOLING have made a goal-packed start to pre-season with seven swept in two games.

Having swept Totton & Eling aside 3-0 at Wellow last Saturday, the Boatmen overcame Blue Square Bet South new boys Salisbury City 4-2 at Portsmouth Road on Tuesday.

With Chris Giles, Adam Kelly, Charlie Knight and Jake Reid all injured, Salisbury's line-up contained only four of last season's

promotion-winning side and they were ruthlessly put to the sword by Dave Diaper's Southern South & West runners-up.

Triallist Leighton Speechley-Price put Salisbury ahead on 21 minutes but, after making seven half-time changes, the Wiltshire visitors ran out of steam late on.

Sholing's Nick Watts skipped past youth player Usman Adeniji to fire low past trialist keeper Jamie Robinson on 72 minutes.

Ben Adelsbury crashed a 30-yarder onto the Boatmen's bar in reply, but the hosts went ahead two minutes later when Lee Wort punished Stuart Anderson's woe-fully short back pass.

Sholing quickly made it 3-1 when ex-Saint Kevin Gibbens played in Wort for a simple finish before Dan Fitchett pulled a goal back on 76 minutes.

The Boatmen had the last laugh when, with five minutes remain-

ing, Byron Mason's strength enabled him to hold off Adelsbury's challenge before slotting in the fourth.

Salisbury player-boss Darrell Clarke, who sat out the game, admitted: "I'm very disappointed with the goals we are conceding, but it's early days yet."

"At the back end of July and early August you start to iron out those problems and get into serious match mode."

"It's no secret that we're working with a small squad and therefore losing a few players makes a difference. But there's no way I'm going to risk players who are not fully fit in pre-season."

"I'm still looking for two or three players to add to the squad and am confident that something will happen in a week or two. The trialists have, in the main, been disappointing and have not done themselves justice."

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Non-league Football

James quick to impress for Millers

FORWARD Paddy James has joined Totton & Eling from Sydenhams Premier rivals Romsey Town.

James, previously with AFC Totton and Lymington & New Milton, has a wealth of experience at Wessex level.

He scored on his T&E debut in a 5-2 friendly defeat by Eastleigh Reserves and went close again in last Saturday's 3-0 defeat by Sholing at Wellow, heading a Steve Marwood cross wide.

Sholing's Barry Mason, Nick Watts and Dave Marden found the target for

the Evo-Stik South & West visitors against a slightly heavy-legged Millers side.

T&E manager Kev Dawtry reflected: "The result is not that important - fitness and match sharpness is what we need to concentrate on."

"The three goals conceded were down to a lack of stamina."

Sholing handed a debut to new mid-field signing Iain Seabrook from Newport IoW and gave a runout to several young guns including Adrian Trihenea, Matt Graham, Calum

Brockway, Jamie Craven, Jack Igglesden and Daniel Mason.

Manager Dave Diaper said: "This first friendly was all about giving an opportunity for the youngsters to play."

"We played some nice football in tricky conditions in the second half."

"The main aim was to avoid any injuries."

SHOLING DEBUT: Iain Seabrook.



Non-league News

All systems are Grow for Locks Heath!

THE good news keeps coming for Hampshire Premier League club Locks Heath.

Having received the FA's Charter Standard Award earlier this summer, they have now qualified for a £5,000 Grow the Game grant from the country's largest sports charity, The Football Foundation.

The grant, which will go towards Locks Heath's new veteran and ladies' sides, will go towards FA-qualified coaching for both the ladies' and men's squads and extra training equipment.

Funded by the Premier League, The FA, and the Government via Sport England, the Football Foundation is the nation's largest sports charity.

Since the Foundation was set up in 2000 it has worked closely with the Hampshire FA to support 189 grass roots sports projects across the county with grants worth £11.5m.

Chris Arkell, special projects organiser at Locks Heath FC, said: "The whole club would like to thank the Football Foundation for their support. There is a real desire from the local community for ladies' and veterans' football in Fareham West and with this grant we can continue to meet that demand."

Paul Thorogood, chief executive of the Football Foundation, said: "Credit should go to Locks Heath FC and the Hampshire FA for securing this Grow the Game funding."

Vickers eyes Peprah deal

FORMER Winchester City and Sholing defender Nathan Peprah-Annan is on the verge of securing an extended stay at Blue Square Bet South club Dorchester Town.

The Ghana-born former Spurs and England youth player, pictured, has impressed Magpies boss Ashley Vickers in pre-season and could be in line for his third spell at the Avenue Stadium.

Vickers said: "I've been talking to Nathan and other people who know him."

"He's a good character who wants to progress so if we can come to some kind of agreement then great."

"He's recently been at Sholing and they are probably paying him more than what we are prepared to offer him. It's about how high you want to play."

Peprah-Annan had a trial game with Eastleigh against the Falkland Islands after being released by Sholing at the end of last season.



MOSS PREPARED TO GO DISTANCE FOR PRO CHANCE

STEVE Moss's only qualm about his new full-time post at Rotherham United is that it's so far from home.

But, distance aside, the former Winchester City boss is loving every minute of overseeing the power League Two club's school of excellence as technical director, writes **WENDY GEE**.

"I'm in charge of the 12 to 16-year-olds and I'm also assisting with the under-18s and reserves," said Moss, who worked for five years at the Saints Academy and is a good friend of Rotherham's former Brentford manager Andy Scott.

"I know Andy and his brother Rob from our non-League days. They're good lads," he said.

"Working full-time at a professional club is what I've always wanted. It's the break I've been looking for."

"Rotherham have got a new ground and training facilities in the pipeline for next year, so it's an exciting time to be involved. It's just a shame it's not 300 miles closer!"

Despite his excitement about being offered the post, Moss admits he didn't accept it straight away.

Little more than a month earlier he had been installed as new team boss of Evo-Stik Southern One South & West outfit Andover where he was to work under former Winchester City chairman Martin Moody.

"My brain told me to go to Rotherham, but my heart said something different," admitted Moss.

No-brainer

"Everyone I spoke to said it was a no-brainer to take the Rotherham job, but it was a hard decision to make."

"I took training at Andover as normal on the Tuesday and even on the Thursday I still hadn't accepted the job."

"I'd spoken to the back-room staff at Andover but not the players because I hadn't made the decision."

"I then spoke to Martin Moody on the Friday morning and he fully backed me."

Dave Skilton, appointed by Moss as first-team coach last month, has taken temporary charge

of the Lions along with Southampton-based former Bashley and Fleet Town defender Andy Darnton, who was assistant/coach to Moss's predecessor Andy Leader.

Darnton has put his name forward to take on the job permanently and expects to get a 'yes' or 'no' this weekend.

"It's been a bit of a whirlwind," said Darnton.

"A great opportunity came up for Mossy to become a full-time coach and he couldn't turn it down."

"I've put my name in the hat for the job because I feel I'm ready for it."

"I've got enough experience. I've played over 600 Southern and Ryman League games and I've managed and/or coached over 300 games."

"I'm told there's an impressive candidate list with some ex-pros, academy managers and experienced non-League managers."

"I think the chairman Martin Moody has whittled it down to the final couple and I should find out either way by this weekend."

HEAD RULED THE HEART: Rotherham School of Excellence technical director Steve Moss.



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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN



Did You Know

WITH a year to go until the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics there have already been records broken and Olympic firsts.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the most impressive facts and figures ahead of the London Games.

- Over 200 buildings had to be demolished at the 2.5sqkm Olympic Park.
- The five host boroughs are Newham, Hackney, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets and Greenwich.
- Organisers received more than one million ticket requests for the men's 100 metres final, which takes place at the Olympic Stadium on August 5.
- 2000 newts will be relocated from the Olympic Park to the Waterworks Nature Reserve in Lee Valley.
- 14 lighting towers are needed to illuminate the Olympic Stadium because the 2012 Games will be the first to use HD TV freeze-frame coverage and they will be essential to capture the action.
- There were around 700,000 successful applicants in the first round of ticket sales, meaning 1.2 million missed out on their initial preferences.
- The Olympic Village will be the most spacious in Olympic history with 17,320 beds and an average 16sqm floor space per athlete.



- The 2012 Summer Olympic torch relay will last 70 days, visit six islands and will see around 8,000 people carry the torch 300m each. It will start in Land's End, Cornwall on May 19.
- The Olympic hockey pitches will be blue – the first time an Olympic or world event has differed from the traditional green-coloured synthetic turf – to improve viewing for players, fans and officials.
- The Olympic mascot, Wenlock, is named after Much Wenlock in Shropshire where the Wenlock Olympian Society held its first Olympian Games in 1850. His Paralympics mascot equivalent, Mandeville, got his name from Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, which held the Stoke Mandeville Games from 1948 and was the inspiration for the Paralympics.
- More than 800,000 tonnes of soil – enough to fill the Royal Albert Hall nine times over – had to be taken away before construction of the Olympic Stadium could begin.
- The Olympic Village will be converted into as many as 3,600 apartments after the Games.
- A tri-generation plant will supply electricity, heat and chilled water to the Olympic Park using technology which produces 33 per cent lower CO2 emissions than from the electricity grid.
- The International Broadcast Centre is the size of six full-length football pitches and will be the base for around 20,000 broadcasters, photographers and journalists.

SEBASTIAN Coe is used to early starts and punishing regimes – after all, he spent most of his early adult life pounding the streets as he honed his fitness to challenge for Olympic titles.

Now, as chairman of the London 2012 organising committee, it seems that little has changed in the way of the demands of life.

"I am normally out of bed by 5.15am most mornings and in the office or doing something of a 2012 nature by 8am," Coe said ahead of next Wednesday's milestone of one year to go to the start of the first Olympics in this country since 1948.

"It's not unusual for me to leave the office at 7.30pm and there is often a dinner afterwards."

A punishing regime it may be, but Coe insists it is one he relishes – and a stroll in the park compared to his days as an athlete.

"It's a fabulous job to be doing," he added.

"I wake up every morning looking forward to what the day brings.

"It is a little like when I was training – some days were better than others but you know you are heading towards an Olympic final, except for me now it is the opening ceremony.

"Probably 99% of this job is just being there and getting it done and it feels quite natural to me having had such a background in sport.

"Track and field is hard graft and you just have to grind it out.

"This is much more enjoyable and there are days of sheer pleasure.

"The variation of the days is so fantastic, there is extraordinary variation.

"This week I have been in Newcastle one day with the nations and regions programme then meeting the Jamaican national Olympic committee in my office the next."

The sheer scale of the Olympic project is frightening.

Coe, pictured below, describes it as being like staging the world championships of 26 different sports in the same city simultaneously.

There are a vast number of decisions that have to be made about the running of the Games.

The other side of Coe's job could seem to an outsider to be somewhat repetitive:

Dignitaries, sponsors and visitors have to be entertained and shown London's preparations;

Schoolchildren have to be inspired;

The regions outside of London have to be persuaded they are part of the Games.

Coe insists, though, that he draws huge satisfaction from those tasks.

"I feel real pride at the extraordinary progress we have made on the Olympic Park. You cannot fail to feel proud when you are showing around politicians, schools, sponsors and other people around

Ainslie aiming to

BEING labelled the "ultimate sportsman" is quite an accolade for any athlete.

When such praise comes from Sir Steve Redgrave you know the subject must be pretty special.

With three gold medals from as many Olympic Games, Ben Ainslie sure is an athlete of incredible pedigree. Sailing's unwavering genius.

But the 34-year-old is not done yet as preparations continue for a tilt at a fourth successive gold when the Games come to home waters next year.

Weymouth and Portland will play host to the sailing events but – quite incredibly considering his achievements – Ainslie's place is far from guaranteed.

The Finn class in which he competes boasts some of the best sailing talent in the world and, unfortunately, a lot of that comes from Great Britain.

Reigning world champion Ed Wright and tiger-



ED WRIGHT

ish pretender Giles Scott both compete in the Finn and both would be expected to be among the medals should they earn the right to compete.

However, Ainslie's Olympic hopes have received a major boost by the news that he has

been selected to represent Skandia Team GBR at the Test event in August after winning the Sail For Gold regatta.

The three-time ISAF World Sailor of the Year admits he is relieved to have qualified when some had doubted him, although he insists that he will not take anything for granted.

"The Olympic preparations are going really well," he said.

"We had a big sailing qualification regatta – the Sail For Gold – a couple of weeks ago in Weymouth and Portland.

"I was able to come out on top of that, which was a big deal in terms of qualification for 2012.

"I've got a long way to go yet. We've got the Olympic Test regatta in August and

hopefully I can sail well there and get another strong result.

"It is never easy with the Olympics. There is a long way to go and a lot of hard work ahead of me.

"But the results have been good so

The Olympic preparations are going well ... I just need to keep the ball rolling



the park.

"I was a sportsman and I know what it's like to be a sportsman."

"I am also pretty proud that a year out from the Games we have raised effectively £2billion in what most people agree to be the toughest economic conditions for hosting an Olympics since 1976."

That is in reference to London's extraordinary success in attracting sponsors and selling tickets.

Due to luck or good planning, or probably both, the

major sponsorship deals were tied up before the economic crisis struck.

There has been nothing fortunate about the rush for tickets however: the British public's love for sport has accounted for that.

Yet London 2012's success in selling tickets has also created their biggest headache in public relations terms: how to deal with the bad feeling generated by fact that the majority of those who originally applied for tickets have been left empty-handed.

Coe has talked about tickets until

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LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN



early-riser Coe ...

live up to the hype

far this year and I just need to keep the ball rolling as much as possible."

While Ainslie is obviously keen to usurp the young pretenders attempting to take his place in the team, the 34-year-old is quick to praise the pool of sailing talent in the UK.

Ainslie believes there is "great strength and depth in the UK" that will provide a stream of talented individuals for years to come.

But, with time beginning to creep up on him, the only thought crossing his mind right now is representing Great Britain in 2012.

And that means forgetting the hype, ticket debates and suchlike, and focusing instead on making the Games by

With time beginning to creep up on him, his only thought right now is 2012

FIVE SAILORS TO WATCH IN 2012

Iain Percy - Winchester sailor Percy, below, and Andrew Simpson are the formidable force in the Star class and will head into the Games looking to regain the gold medal they secured in China.

Hannah Mills - former world youth champion Mills only teamed up with Saskia Clark in February, but the 470 pair are showing a lot of talent and were selected for the Olympic Test event.

Nick Dempsey - having won bronze in Athens, the Weymouth resident is set to shine next year in the RS-X windsurfer class and has a good track record on home water.

Bryony Shaw - the Wandsworth-born windsurfer came home from her first Olympics with a bronze medal in the RS-X and harbours realistic hopes of bettering that performance next year.

Paul Goodison - the world's number one Laser sailor is ready to secure another gold medal on the home waters of Weymouth.

putting in a strong performance in August,

"There is only one spot for the Test event as there would be for the Olympics next year," he said.

"It will be slightly different racing with fewer boats and more of a great

opportunity to race in Weymouth and Portland.

"Hopefully I will get through that and qualify for next year."

And should Ainslie secure his place at next year's Games and another gold, few would dare argue against Sir Redgrave's proclamation.



he is blue in the face, but remains convinced there was no fairer system that could possibly have worked.

He argues that critics of the ticket sales system have failed to offer any meaningful alternatives.

"When I put it to the journalists we have sensible conversation about the level of disappointment - but when we talk about how the process could have been done any better they shuffle off."

The view in the media is that London have had an easy ride in terms of scrutiny.

And while Coe is unsure about that, he does concede there was plenty of concern among the conservative members of the International Olympic Committee that the bullish British press would go all out to tear holes in the project.

"I don't know whether I have had an easy ride," said Coe. "But if you speak to international federations and a good chunk of IOC members they are complimentary about the relationship between the organising committee and the media."

"There was a genuine concern

when we were bidding that the British media's forensic nature would be a bit off-putting. We have a very good working relationship and it is important that the media do hold us to account."

Perhaps London have created the easy ride by hitting those deadlines and keeping to those budgets.

A sign, surely, that they have employed the right people, such as Paul Deighton, the chief executive of the organising committee who left a much better paid job at Goldman Sachs to pursue his own Olympic dream.

The one cloud on the horizon concerns the future of the Olympic Stadium.

Coe would like nothing better than to see the world athletics championships coming to Britain for the first time ever but Tottenham's legal action for a judicial review of the decision to award the stadium to West Ham after the Games is threatening London's bid for the 2017 event.

"The 2017 world athletics championships would be an extraordinary legacy for the stadium and for London," said Coe.

Did You Know?

LONDON OLYMPICS TIMELINE

2005

July 6: London is awarded the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

2006

January: The London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) was fully set up.

March: The Olympic Delivery Authority was set up by the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act.

2007

March: Wembley Stadium opens its doors to the public.

June: Logo for London 2012 unveiled.

October: Planning permission granted for Olympic Park site.

2008

May: Construction begins on Olympic Stadium.

2009

Construction under way on all new permanent venues on the Olympic Park.

2010

April: East London line opened to the public.

July: Search launched to find 70,000 volunteers to work at the Games.

2011

March: Tickets go on sale for Olympic Games.

March: Olympic Stadium construction complete.

September 9: Tickets go on sale for Paralympic Games

December: Media centre construction complete

2012

February: Royal Docks cable car goes into operation

May 19: Torch relay begins 70-day journey in Land's End, Cornwall

July 15: Official opening of Olympic Village

July 27: Olympic Games opening ceremony

August 12: Olympic Games closing ceremony

August 29: Paralympic Games opening ceremony

September 9: Paralympic Games closing ceremony

September 14: Olympic park closes for development work

September 16: Athletes village closes and Olympic and Paralympic Route Networks come to an end

2013

August: Handover to Olympic Park Legacy Company and Olympic Park reopens to public

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Tortuous build-up goes on

THERE has been no more tortuous process in the Olympic build-up so far than the one which involves a sport few think of as even being part of the event.

Around the world, Olympic football – an Under-23 tournament with three over-age players for men and a mini World Cup for the women – is a pretty significant event.

Argentina won the last two gold medal games thanks to the efforts of players such as Lionel Messi, Javier Mascherano and Carlos Tevez.

That they have not qualified for London 2012 robs the entire Games of one of its stand-out performers, given Messi would have been virtually certain to be involved.

Spain will be represented as a legacy of the European Under-21 Championship win, as will Brazil, ensuring a hefty sprinkling of stardust.

But no-one quite knows what format the British team will take. When the Olympics was an amateur event, nobody was that



LIONEL MESSI

fused.

Sometimes Great Britain was an all-English team, on other occasions, Scottish, Welsh and Irish players were selected. Matt Busby and Walter Winterbottom were notable managers.

However, as payments to players rose, so the Olympics lost their relevance and, after 1972, Britain declined to enter.

It has remained that way ever since due to historical political reasons.

As the founders of the modern sport, the four Home Nations have retained their independence and between them get a permanent place at FIFA's top table.

What good it does is open to considerable debate given the shambles of last year, when England mustered a single vote in addition to their own in a quite staggering World Cup bidding process.

Mike Lee, the highly influential and brilliantly successful PR guru who somehow helped Qatar to secure the 2020 competition, has claimed that preserved place is a handicap when it comes to relations within the international fold.

However, the Home Nations are adamant they will not give it up, nor their national identity, by combining to form a British team.

GUIDE TO THE OLYMPIC SPORTS

ARCHERY

Dates: July 27-August 3

Olympic fact: South Korea's Im Dong-hyun, gold medalist in the team event in 2004 and 2008, is legally blind.

British prospects: Alison Williamson, Naomi Folkard, Larry Godfrey, Simon Terry

International stars: Yun Ok-hee, Ki Bo-bae, Im Dong-hyun, Brady Ellison

ATHLETICS

Dates: August 3-12

Olympic fact: Tug of war was part of the Olympic athletics programme from 1900 until 1920.

British prospects: Jessica Ennis, Phillips Idowu, Mo Farah, Dai Greene

International stars: Usain Bolt, Tyson Gay, Allyson Felix, Haile Gebrselassie

BADMINTON

Dates: July 28-August 5

Olympic fact: Shuttlecocks can travel at speeds in excess of 245mph.

British prospects: Nathan Robertson, Jenny Wallwork

International stars: Lee Chong-wei, Lin Dan

BASKETBALL

Dates: July 28-August 12

Olympic fact: The first official Olympic basketball tournament was held outdoors at the 1936 Berlin games.

British prospects: Luol Deng, Ben Gordon

International stars: Yao Ming, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Dates: July 28-August 9

Olympic fact: Five of the eight Olympic gold medals awarded since the sport's introduction in 1996 have been won by the United States.

British prospects: Shauna Mullin, Zara Dampney

International stars: Kerri Walsh, Misty May-Treanor, Julius Brink, Jonas Reckermann

BOXING

Dates: July 28-August 12

Olympic fact: Boxing has been included at every Olympics since 1904 except the 1912 Games in Stockholm, where the sport was banned under Swedish law.

British prospects: Luke Campbell, Thomas Stalker, Nicola Adams, Savannah Marshall

International stars: Vasyl Lomachenko, Roberto Cammarelle, Katie Taylor

CANOEING

Dates: Slalom - July 29-August 2; Sprint - August 6-11

Olympic fact: Members of the public can try out the white water course at Lee Valley until



MASSIVE CHALLENGE: Sports Minister Hugh Robertson.

We tend to later ... but

IT seemed so obvious: London would host the 2012 Olympics and the surge of interest would inspire a whole new generation to take up running, cycling, rowing or whatever.

A nation crazy about watching sport would become a nation mad about taking part in it too.

London 2012 bid leaders made a big deal out of it, promising in Singapore that the youth not just of Britain but of the world would be inspired.

There was, and is, one big problem: it doesn't just happen like that.

Hugh Robertson, the Olympics and sports minister, is well aware of the challenge.

"I wouldn't for a moment underestimate the difficulty of what we are trying to do. No previous host city has managed to boost participation on the back of an Olympic Games so we have set ourselves an incredibly difficult challenge," he conceded.

"I don't think anyone appreciated that it is like turning around a tanker. We are looking at long-term increases in participation, not short-term."

The figures about increases in participation in sport have not been encouraging – and, like all statistics, can be massaged for different ends.

The previous government committed first to getting two million people more active, then one million more people playing sport, and then that was watered down again to one mil-

September 2011

British prospects: Ed McKeever, Rachel Cawthorn, Tim Brabants, Lizzie Neave
International stars: Max Hoff, Katalin Kovacs, Tony Estanguet

CYCLING

Dates: Road - July 28-29, August 1; Track - August 2-7; BMX - August 8-10; Mountain Bike - August 11-12

Olympic fact: Sir Chris Hoy was the first Briton to win three gold medals at a single Olympic games since swimmer Henry Taylor in 1908.

British prospects: Sir Chris Hoy, Victoria Pendleton, Mark Cavendish, Shanaze Reade
International stars: Awang Azizulhasni, Tyler Farrar, Marianne Vos, Julien Absalon

DIVING

Dates: July 29-August 1, August 3-11

Olympic fact: Australia's Matthew Mitcham denied China a clean sweep of gold medals in Beijing with victory in the 10 metre platform

British prospects: Tom Daley, Peter Waterfield, Tonia Couch, Sarah Barrow
International stars: Qiu Bo, Liang Huo, Matthew Mitcham

EQUESTRIAN

Dates: Eventing - July 28-31; Dressage - August 2-3, August 7, August 9; Showjumping - August 4-6, August 8

Olympic fact: The first time

equestrian was included in



the Olympics, in 1900, among the events were a high jump and long jump competition.

British prospects: Laura Bechtolsheimer, William Fox-Pitt, Piggy French, Michael Whitaker
International stars: Mark Todd, Michael Jung, Kevin Stuart, Adelinde Cornelissen

FENCING

Dates: July 28-August 5

Olympic fact: There are three different types of weapon used in the Olympic Games by a British athlete since Walter Tysall's silver a century earlier.

British prospects: Richard Kruse, Laurence Halsted
International stars: Magdalena Piekarska, Gauthier Grumier, Lei Sheng, Elisa Di Francisca

FOOTBALL

Dates: July 25-August 11

Olympic fact: Denmark's Sophus Nielsen in 1908 and Gottfried Fuchs of Germany in 1912 both scored 10 goals in single Olympic matches.

British prospects: Jack

PETER WATERFIELD

Wilshire, Phil Jones, Andy Carroll, Ellen White
International stars: Neymar, David De Gea, Marta

GYMNASTICS

Dates: Artistic - July 28-August 2, August 5-7; Trampoline - August 3-4; Rhythmic - August 9-12

Olympic fact: Louis Smith's bronze on the pommel horse in Beijing was the first individual medal won in gymnastics at the Olympic Games by a British athlete since Walter Tysall's silver a century earlier.

British prospects: Beth Tweddle, Louis Smith, Daniel Keatings, Daniel Purvis
International stars: Kohei Uchimura, Aliya Mustafina, Rebecca Bross

HANDBALL

Dates: July 28-August 12
Olympic fact: Britain will compete in the Olympic handball competition for the first time in 2012.

British prospects: Ciaran Williams, Lynne McCafferty
International stars: Nikola Karabatic, Emiliya Turey

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come to the party a bit we will make it work ...

lion more people playing more sport. So is Robertson fighting a pointless battle?

He insists not. "Participation is one of the most important planks of the whole Olympics project," he said. "We promised the world we would do so in Singapore in 2005."

"Clearly we want to win medals and World Cups but I also want a real focus on extending the opportunities for mass participation in sport."

"It is the right challenge to set. This is the most important thing in sport and I think the 'Whole Sport Plan' being run by Sport England is the right way to proceed."

"Two years into the scheme and some sports governing bodies have got it and are making the right moves, but others are taking longer."

There are many different aspects to legacy of course, and to focus on just sporting participation misses other key areas.

There will be an obvious for sport in terms of bricks and mortar: permanent facilities such as a velodrome, aquatics centre and a modern athletics stadium which London has, for bizarre historical reasons, been without.

Many of the Olympic sporting facilities will also be used on a daily basis



LEGACY: London's Olympic Stadium.

by communities and schools.

The other benefit, and one that Robertson believes is actually the most important for elite sport, is in terms of funding.

The £125million in Lottery funding that UK Sport distributes to Olympic sports will continue through to 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

There will be no sudden drop off a financial cliff edge that sports in other Olympic host countries have experienced.

"It is the most important elite lega-

cy," said Robertson. "Funding has been secured for the Rio 2016 cycle at the same level as in the run-up to London."

"Normally you get extra money for a home Games but we have managed to keep this going."

"It makes our Olympic squads amongst the best-resourced anywhere in the world."

There is, of course, economic and social legacy associated with the regeneration of a huge area of London that was desperately in need of modernisation, with the job creation and commercial opportunities that have accompanied the Games.

There is also the small matter of national pride, something that Robertson believes will swell noticeably over the next year.

He said: "Pride in the Olympics is incredibly difficult to quantify and is tied up with our national character."

"In this country we tend to come to the party a little bit later than some other nations but when we arrive we really pick it up and make it work."

"When the Olympics arrive people are really going to embrace it - it's going to be mad and memorable, and then as a nation we will have a long Indian summer reflecting in the glory of what we have achieved."

appeared in the Olympic programme as a demonstration sport in 1988 in Seoul, where the sport also featured heavily in the opening ceremony.

British prospects: Sarah Stevenson, Aaron Cook, Jade Jones

International stars: Yousef Karami, Wu Jingyu

TENNIS

Dates: July 28-August 3

Olympic fact: Mixed doubles will return to the Olympic programme in London after a gap of 88 years.

British prospects: Andy Murray
International stars: Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova

TRIATHLON

Dates: August 4, August 7

Olympic fact: British athletes have won 10 world titles but no Olympic medals.

British prospects: Alistair Brownlee, Jonny Brownlee, Helen Jenkins

International stars: Javier Gomez, Paula Findlay

VOLLEYBALL

Dates: July 28-August 12

Olympic fact: The height of the net differs between men's and women's competitions (2.43 metres for men, 2.24m for women).

British prospects: Dami Bakare, Ben Pipes

International stars: Richard Lambourne, Jaqueline Carvalho

WATER POLO

Dates: July 29-August 10, August 12

Olympic fact: The 1956 Olympic final in Melbourne between Hungary and the USSR is known as the 'Blood in the water game' as it took place during the Hungarian uprising.

British prospects: Ed Scott, Angela Winstanley-Smith
International stars: Milho Boskovic, Danielle de Bruijn

WEIGHTLIFTING

Dates: July 28-August 1, August 3-7

Olympic fact: Weightlifting is one of the oldest competitive sports, being one of the seven sports that made up the programme of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

British prospects: Zoe Smith, Peter Kirkbride
International stars: Behdad Salimi, Nurcan Taylan

WRESTLING

Dates: Greco-Roman - August 5-7; Freestyle - August 8-12

Olympic fact: The longest wrestling contest in Olympic history occurred at Stockholm in 1912 and lasted 11 hours.

British prospects: Myroslav Dykun, Krasimir Krastanov
International stars: Aslanbek Khushtov, Carol Huynh

Murray: I can't wait for 2012

ANDY Murray believes the Olympic tournament at Wimbledon next year will be viewed on a par with the grand slams by the world's top tennis players.

The best of the ATP and WTA Tours will return to SW19 less than a month after the All England Championships to battle for gold, silver and bronze rather than the most prestigious trophies in the sport.

The reintroduction of tennis to the Olympic programme in 1988 was not without its critics, who argued it would not be the pinnacle of the sport.

There have certainly been some unexpected gold medalists, Marc Rosset and Nicolas Pietrangeli among them, but the Beijing Games in 2008 saw almost all the best players enter and the cream rose to the top.

Rafael Nadal won the gold medal in the men's singles and declared it one of his proudest achievements, and Murray thinks the 2012 tournament will prove the biggest yet.

Asked where the Olympics ranks for the players, he said: "It's very impor-



FLYING THE FLAG: Andy Murray.

tant, it's right up there. All of the top players want to play in the Olympics now."

"When you are part of the Olympics and have been to an opening ceremony and have stayed in an Olympic village, you see how great a competition it is and how important it is to win medals for your country and represent your country."

"For all of the tennis players, playing at Wimbledon is special at any time, but obviously now it's part of the Olympics it's something different that we will never have experienced before."

"Normally it's all whites at Wimbledon but I think that's not going to be the case during the Olympics, which is something a little bit different."

"That place has got so much history as well. That combined with the history of the Olympics will make it amazing."

Murray made his Olympic debut as a 21-year-old in Beijing but it did not exactly go to plan, with the Scot beaten by Lu Yen-hsun in the first round of the singles before a crushing second-round doubles loss alongside brother Jamie.

Murray is keen to give the men's doubles another go with Jamie, and would also be open to playing in the mixed doubles, which has been reintroduced to the Olympic programme for next year.

HOCKEY

Dates: July 29-August 11

Olympic fact: The hockey tournament in 2012 will be played on blue pitches, the first time a colour other than green has been used for the artificial grass surface.

British prospects: Jonty Clarke, Richard Mantell, Helen Richardson, Alex Danson
International stars: Jamie Dwyer, Luciana Aymar

JUDO

Dates: July 28-August 3

Olympic fact: Great Britain have won seven silver medals and nine bronzes in judo but never an Olympic gold.

British prospects: Euan Burton, Craig Fallon, Ashley McKenzie, Sophie Cox
International stars: Wang Ki-chun, Teddy Riner, Yoshie Ueno, Kayla Harrison

MODERN PENTATHLON

Dates: August 11-12

Olympic fact: Modern pentathlon was invented by Baron

Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic Games, to simulate the experience of a cavalryman.

British prospects: Mhairi Spence, Heather Fell, Nick Woodbridge
International stars: Adam Marosi, Lena Schoneborn, Amelie Caze

ROWING

Dates: July 28-August 4

Olympic fact: Rowing has been in the Olympics at every Games except 1896, when it was cancelled due to poor weather.

British prospects: Katherine Grainger, Anna Watkins, Pete Reed, Andy Hodge
International stars: Mahe Drysdale, Eric Murray, Hamish Bond, Ekaterina Karsten

SAILING

Dates: July 29-August 11

Olympic fact: Sailing was a mixed Olympic event until the 1988 Games in Seoul, when separate classes for men and women were introduced.

British prospects: Ben

ALEX DANSON

Ainslie, Paul Goodison, Iain

Percy, Andrew Simpson

International stars: Pierre Lebouvier, Vincent Garos, Dorian van Rijsselberge, Marina Alabau

SHOOTING

Dates: July 28-August 6

Olympic fact: Around 275,000 clay targets will be used during the 2012 Shotgun competition.
British



prospects: Peter Wilson, Elena Allen

International stars: Chiara Cainero, Pang Wei

SWIMMING

Dates: July 28-August 4; Synchronised - August 5-7, August 9-10; Open Water - August 9-10

Olympic fact: London marks the centenary of women being allowed to swim in the Games.

British prospects: Fran Halsall, Lizzie Simmonds, Rebecca Adlington, Jemma Lowe
International stars: Michael Phelps, Ian Thorpe, Alicia Coutts, Federica Pellegrini

TABLE TENNIS

Dates: July 28-August 8

Olympic fact: China have won more than half of all the Olympic medals awarded in table tennis.

British prospects: Paul Drinkhall, Darius Knight
International stars: Wang Hao, Ma Lin, Li Xiaoxia

TAEKWONDO

Dates: August 8-11

Olympic fact: Taekwondo first

FRIENDS LIFE T20 QUARTER-FINAL PREVIEW: Hampshire

Hants aiming to progress to qualifiers

● **JAMES Vince** ended the t20 qualifying campaign as one of the top 10 runscorers.

The Hampshire youngster scored 413 runs at 37.54 with a highest score of 85 not out against Sussex at Hove.

Leicestershire's Andrew McDonald was top with 510 runs at 63.75.

Former Hampshire batsman Adam Voges finished fourth with 470 runs for Nottinghamshire at 31.33.

FRIENDS LIFE T20 2011 Most Runs

	Inns	Not Out	Runs	HS	Ave
AB McDonald (Le)	14	6	510	96*	63.75
MJ Guptill (Dy)	14	0	476	79	34.00
SC Moore (La)	15	2	475	76	36.53
AC Voges (Nt)	15	0	470	74	31.33
AD Hales (Nt)	15	0	466	76	31.06
ME Trescothick (Sm)	13	3	460	108*	46.00
WTS Porterfield (Wk)	14	0	437	83	31.21
AN Petersen (Gm)	15	2	423	72	32.53
AW Gale (Yor)	13	0	418	67	32.15
JM Vince (Ham)	14	3	413	85*	37.54
Azhar Mahmood (Kent)	13	2	394	106*	35.81
TC Smith (La)	14	3	392	75	35.63
TL Maynard (Sy)	13	4	392	76	43.55
MH Wessels (Nt)	15	0	386	76	25.73
HJH Marshall (Gs)	15	0	367	102	24.46
KJ O'Brien (Gs)	14	2	365	119	30.41
SM Davies (Sy)	13	2	365	99*	33.18
OA Shah (Es)	14	1	363	78*	27.92
JJ Roy (Sy)	13	0	363	53	27.92
AG Wakely (Nr)	13	1	360	62	30.00
DI Stevens (Kent)	14	7	357	68	51.00
DJ Hussey (Nt)	10	1	357	73	39.66
P Mustard (Dur)	12	1	354	75	32.18
SJ Croft (La)	13	2	351	55	31.90
ND McKenzie (Ham)	13	4	348	89*	38.66
JJ Cobb (Le)	14	1	338	60	26.00
LJ Wright (Sx)	10	1	332	81*	36.88
JO Troughton (Wk)	15	4	326	55*	29.63
MW Goodwin (Sx)	13	3	323	100*	32.30
WL Madsen (Dy)	14	2	316	61*	26.33

● **ONLY five players** took more t20 qualifying group wickets than Hampshire's Dimi Mascarenhas, who ended with 20 wickets at 14.80.

Most Wickets

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
TJ Phillips (Es)	344	26	4-22	13.23
HF Gurney (Le)	320	22	3-25	14.54
DJ Pattinson (Nt)	371	22	5-25	16.86
TG Southee (Es)	417	22	6-16	18.95
RM Pyrah (Yor)	417	21	5-16	19.85
AD Mascarenhas (Ham)	296	20	3-19	14.80
CJ Liddle (Sx)	344	20	4-20	17.20
Shakib Al Hasan (Wo)	315	19	4-31	16.57
GM Andrew (Wo)	343	19	3-17	18.05
Wahab Riaz (Kent)	356	19	5-17	18.73
DP Nannes (Sy)	381	19	5-40	20.05
SA Piolet (Wk)	357	18	3-25	19.83
G Keedy (La)	290	17	3-14	17.05
DR Briggs (Ham)	310	17	4-17	18.23
SP Crook (Mx)	365	17	3-21	21.47
PD Collingwood (Dur)	157	16	5-6	9.81
Saeed Ajmal (Wo)	182	16	4-14	11.37
L Gregory (Sm)	271	16	4-15	16.93
M Kartik (Sm)	279	16	2-7	17.43
DG Cork (Ham)	299	16	2-23	18.68
LJ Fletcher (Nt)	304	16	4-30	19.00
JD Shanley (Wo)	339	16	3-31	21.18
Abdul Razzaq (Le)	347	16	3-12	21.68
CW Henderson (Le)	390	16	3-25	24.37
SD Parry (La)	391	16	4-23	24.43
Naved-ul-Hasan (Sx)	215	15	5-17	14.33
RDB Croft (Gm)	237	15	3-9	15.80
AJ Jones (Gm)	256	15	3-16	17.06
AU Rashid (Yor)	417	15	4-26	27.80
Shahid Afridi (Ham)	161	14	5-20	11.50
Imran Tahir (Ham)	249	14	3-13	17.78

HAMPSHIRE are aiming to win through to the Champions League qualifiers.

Last season's English t20 champions never got the chance to compete alongside champion sides from other countries to the late finishing of their county campaign.

But the two finalists in this season's Friends Life t20 tournament will compete in a six-team qualifying tournament which starts just a few days after the 2011 English season finishes.

One of the sides already through is Auckland, who won the New Zealand t20 competition.

That means Hampshire's Jimmy Adams, below, who helped Auckland lift the HRV Cup, is definitely taking part in the tournament even if the Royals don't get there.

Kolkata Knight Riders, from the Indian Premier League, are also in the qualifying event along with West Indies t20 winners Trinidad & Tobago and Sri Lankan winners.

Seven teams have been given direct entry into the main Champions League – including three from the Indian Premier League, Mumbai, Bangalore and reigning champions Chennai Super Kings (who boast Aussie Mike Hussey, Indian skipper MS Dhoni and Sri Lankan legend Muttiah Muralitharan).

Australia and South Africa, whose cricket boards own the CL along with India, both have two teams through.

Representing Australia will be KFC Big Bash 2011 champs South Australia, who include ex-Hampshire t20 winner Dan Christian, and runners-up New South Wales, whose squad should include ex-Rose Bowl men Stuart Clark and Dominic Thornely.

Cape Cobras – who included Essex man Owais Shah – won the South African t20 tournament, with Warriors runners-up.

Due to the qualifying event starting so soon after the English season finishes, no-one is really expecting an English county to do so well in the CL.

"The cards are stacked against our players and counties being successful in the Champions League," Professional Cricketers Association chief executive Angus Porter said.

"The qualifying tournament starts just two days after the end of the English season, which means that there will be little chance for our sides to go out there and prepare.

"We won't know which sides have qualified until three weeks before the start of the qualifying tournament which means that processing visa applications will be a challenge."

"It's right that we participate this year and see how it goes.

"But it does cause complications for our own domestic season and it is likely that we review whether it is a good thing for us.

"It's a good thing from a player's point of view in terms of experience, but the argument that it was a way of generating significant additional monies for players and the English game has been weakened by the current finances of the tournament," Porter added.



THE most experienced one-day cricketer in England international history stands between Hampshire and their second successive Friends Life t20 finals day.

The Royals' reward for topping the South group with 11 wins from their 16 games was a Rose Bowl quarter final against the Durham Dynamos on Sunday, August 7.

It promises to be a great weekend for sport in the Southampton region as Saints begin life back in the Championship the previous evening against Leeds United at St Mary's.

Both games will be screened live by Sky Sports.

While Hampshire will be able to call on overseas heavyweights Shahid Afridi and Imran Tahir, Durham's undoubted match-winner with bat and ball is ex-England star Paul Collingwood.

Now 35 and out of the international scene altogether, the man who captained England to the World T20 Cup in the Caribbean

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in 2010 remains a big danger in county cricket.

That was pretty evident to the people who were at The Rose Bowl earlier this week to see Collingwood hit 73 – the top score of the match – in Durham's comfortable CB 40 victory.

Spineless

It was also evident in Durham's final North group game when Collingwood equalled the best bowling analysis in t20 history anywhere in the world with a 5-6 haul against Northamptonshire.

Collingwood included a hat-trick in his display as Northants were skittled for 47 – the joint lowest team score in world t20 history.

The Steelbacks' spineless display was 20 runs lower than the previous English t20 lowest team score – Sussex's 67 all out against

Hampshire at Hove seven years ago.

Collingwood, it may surprise some readers to learn is easily the most capped English cricketer in one international history.

He appeared for his country in 197 ODIs, and with t20 appearances has played more games in international history.

The home-grown all-rounder, who is wanted by Derbyshire, is the only player to have scored over 5,000 ODI runs for England – 5,092 – and no-one else has scored more than his 583 t20 runs for England.

In addition, he has 10 ODI wickets – including England best 6-31 against Bangladesh at Trent Bridge in 2005 – and 16 t20 wickets.

v Durham, Rose Bowl, Sunday, August 7 (5pm)

Colly will use all his great experience

Collingwood's 5-6 figures against Northants were the best for Durham in T20 cricket, beating his own five for 14 against Derbyshire at Riverside in 2004.

"It was brilliant to get a hat-trick," he said. "I didn't realise I was on one until the crowd started roaring when I was halfway through my run-up."

"It was just one of those days when everything went well for us. 'My figures are ridiculous, but in Twenty20 it can happen like that when the batsmen are trying to get after you.'"

The first victim of Collingwood's hat-trick was Bilal Shafayat, who spent a short trial spell with Hampshire earlier this summer.

The next ball was a beauty, swinging late to hit left-hander David Willey's off stump and 17-year-old Oliver Stone was also bowled first ball on his

senior debut.

As a result, Collingwood ended the North group qualifying campaign as Durham's leading wicket-taker with 16 victims – three more than ex-West Indies Test all-rounder Graham Breeze, former England Test seamer Liam Plunkett and Australian-born Mitch Claydon.

Instant impact

Durham – the current LV= County Championship table-toppers, aiming to win their third title in four seasons – will also be able to call on South African David Miller when they roll up at The Rose Bowl on August 7.

The 22-year-old all-rounder is currently back in his native country, but will return to face Hampshire in the first ever t20 game between the two counties.

Miller, a Dolphins team-mate of Hampshire star Imran Tahir in South Africa, made an instant impression on his t20 debut for his country last year, smashing the sixth ball he faced against the West Indies for six.

T20 STATISTICS 2011

Hampshire batting

	Inns	NO	Rns	HS	Ave
JM Vince	14	3	413	85*	37.54
ND McKenzie	13	4	348	89*	38.66
JHK Adams	15	3	289	47	24.08
MJ Lumb	9	1	197	53	24.62
SM Ervine	9	3	170	45	28.33
Shahid Afridi	7	0	100	36	14.28
AD Mascarenhas	8	1	85	25	12.14
DG Cork	6	3	43	21	14.33
BAC Howell	6	2	43	16	10.75
N Pothas	5	3	34	15*	17.00
LA Dawson	1	0	26	26	26.00
Imran Tahir	2	2	18	17*	
AM Bates	1	0	10	10	10.00
DR Briggs	4	2	8	4*	4.00
CP Wood	1	0	3	3	3.00
SP Jones	0				

Hampshire bowling

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
AD Mascarenhas	296	20	3-19	14.80
DR Briggs	310	17	4-17	18.23
DG Cork	299	16	2-23	18.68
Shahid Afridi	161	14	5-20	11.50
Imran Tahir	249	14	3-13	17.78
CP Wood	135	6	2-17	22.50
SP Jones	33	3	2-2	11.00
SM Ervine	12	1	1-9	12.00

Durham batting

	Inns	NO	Rns	HS	Ave
P Mustard	12	1	354	75	32.18
ID Blackwell	12	2	284	77	28.40
DM Benkenstein	10	2	251	60	31.37
GJ Muchall	12	0	249	64	20.75
DA Miller	9	2	202	54	28.85
GR Breeze	10	4	144	34	24.00
LE Plunkett	8	2	120	41	20.00
PD Collingwood	9	0	96	29	10.66
SG Borthwick	3	2	40	30	40.00
WR Smith	3	2	29	11*	29.00
ME Claydon	3	2	25	19	25.00
C Rushworth	3	2	2	2	2.00
G Onions	1	1	0	0*	

Durham bowling

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
PD Collingwood	157	16	5-6	9.81
GR Breeze	256	13	3-23	19.69
LE Plunkett	332	13	5-31	25.53
ME Claydon	354	13	3-6	27.23
C Rushworth	342	11	3-20	31.09
G Onions	174	5	2-18	34.80
DM Benkenstein	86	5	2-14	17.20
SG Borthwick	66	4	3-19	16.50
ID Blackwell	187	4	2-30	46.75

DURHAM'S PATH TO THE ROSE BOWL

June 2: Emirates Durham ICG: Durham 151-3 (I D Blackwell 46 no), Warwickshire 155-5. **Warwickshire won by 5 wickets**

June 5: New Road: v Worcestershire, abandoned, rain.

June 9: Northampton: Northamptonshire: 124-9, Durham: 127-1 (P Mustard 61 no, ID Blackwell 41 no). **Durham won by 9 wickets**

June 10: Derby: Derbyshire: 183-3, Durham: 178-5 (G J Muchall 62). **Derbyshire won by 5 runs**

June 12: Emirates Durham ICG: v Derbyshire, abandoned, rain

June 14: Emirates Durham ICG: Durham 187-8 (P Mustard 61, I D Blackwell 43), Nottinghamshire 154-8. **Durham won by 33 runs**

June 16: Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire: 213-4, Durham 159. **Nottinghamshire won by 54 runs**

June 17: Grace Road: v Leicestershire, abandoned, rain

June 24: Emirates Durham ICG: Durham 200-6 (D M Benkenstein 60), Lancashire 117. **Durham won by 83 runs**

June 26: Emirates Durham ICG: Durham 187-5 (G J Muchall 64), Leicestershire 184-7. **Durham won by 3 runs**

July 1: Old Trafford: Lancashire 161-5, Durham 135-9 (L E Plunkett 41). **Lancashire won by 26 runs**

July 3: Emirates Durham ICG: Durham 161-6 (I D Blackwell 77), Worcestershire 133. **Durham won by 28 runs**

July 8: Emirates Durham ICG: v Yorkshire, abandoned.

July 10: Scarborough: Durham 144-8 (D A Miller 54), Yorkshire 150-7. **Yorkshire won by 3 wickets**

July 11: Edgbaston: Durham 145-5 (D M Benkenstein 50 no), Warwickshire 148-6. **Warwickshire won by 4 wickets**

July 14: Emirates Durham ICG: Durham 144-7, Northamptonshire 47 (P Collingwood 5-6). **Durham won by 97 runs.**

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Sports Quiz



MP's Bowl delight

MOST IMPRES-SIVE: Eastleigh MP Chris Huhne at The Rose Bowl this week with Rod Bransgrove, left, and Glenn Delve. Pic by Barry Zee.

ENERGY Secretary Chris Huhne is backing the improvements being made at The Rose Bowl.

The Eastleigh MP praised the completion of stage one of the £48 million development project on a visit to the West End venue.

Mr Huhne was briefed on the scheme by Hampshire Cricket Chairman Rod Bransgrove and said that the impressive project would

bring big benefits to the area.

Bransgrove and Rose Bowl Managing Director Glenn Delve updated Mr Huhne on the re-development of the ground, and the plans for a four-star hotel with 18-hole golf course.

Two new major stands have already been constructed and received their historic Test match debut recently – the first ever on the south coast – as England took

on Sri Lanka in the third and final match of the npower Test Series.

The £9 million stands provide covered seating for a further 4,800 spectators, lifting The Rose Bowl's overall maximum capacity to 25,000.

They also extended the number of function suites to 15.

Mr Huhne said that it was a particular thrill to be able to see the stands from the wicket, rather than

the other way round.

Mr Huhne said: "The Rose Bowl is establishing itself as the most impressive cricket facility in Britain with the best facilities at the cutting edge of modern sport.

"It is a fantastic home for Hampshire Cricket, a first class attraction for Eastleigh borough, and an increasingly impressive flagship for our area on the international stage."

- 1 At which event did American golfer Lucas Glover win his first major?
- 2 Who is the coach of Argentina's national football team?
- 3 Which city will host the final Formula One grand prix of the season?
- 4 Ricky Burns retained his WBO super-featherweight title with a first-round stoppage win against which boxer in Liverpool last weekend?
- 5 England batsman Eoin Morgan played for which Indian Premier League side at the start of this season?
- 6 Who scored the winning goal in the 2010 Europa League final?
- 7 Against which county did Brian Lara score 501 not out in 1994?
- 8 Which NFL team play their home games at Soldier Field?
- 9 Which New Zealander is the coach of the Australia rugby union team?
- 10 Which four countries have reached the semi-finals of the Davis Cup?
- 11 Arturo Vidal plays international football for which country?
- 12 Tonia Couch represents Great Britain at which sport?
- 13 Who is the reigning Olympic triple jump champion?
- 14 For which cycling team does Thomas Voeckler ride?
- 15 The NHL team known as the Oilers are based in which country?
- 16 On which English ground did Sachin Tendulkar score his first Test century?
- 17 Arsenal's Gervinho and Newcastle's Yohan Cabaye were both signed from which French Ligue 1 club this summer?
- 18 What is Tiger Woods' current position in golf's world rankings?
- 19 On which racetrack would you find the famous Corkscrew combination of turns?
- 20 Which racehorse won last month's Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot and May's Lockinge Stakes at Newbury?
- 21 Which qualifier knocked John Higgins and Stephen Hendry out of the Australian Open snooker this week?
- 22 Which British fighter challenges Argentina's Sergio Martinez for the WBC middleweight title in October?
- 23 In which sport does Rigoberto Uruñuela compete?
- 24 In which year did Denilson make his Arsenal debut?
- 25 Nathan Brown coaches which Engage Super League team?



TENDULKAR

Hampshire fan Alex is off to Barbados

ALEX Milne, from Southampton, was this week revealed as the Hampshire Royals fan who has won an all-inclusive holiday to Barbados.

His name was drawn from thousands of Royals fans who entered the competition to win a week's holiday in Barbados, courtesy of the club's Official Friends Life t20 shirt sponsor, the Barbados Tourism Authority, and Official Travel Partner, Virgin Atlantic.

The competition was held as part of a huge Caribbean-themed night at the recent t20 game with Middlesex to celebrate Hampshire's table-topping group-stage campaign.

The Royals now face the Durham Dynamos on Sunday, August 7 at The Rose Bowl (5pm).

Tickets are now on sale for this match.

All tickets are for Ground Admission. Seating is unreserved and on a first come first served basis on the day of the game.

Ticket prices: In advance: (up until the phone lines/ticket office closes on the day prior to the match): £15 for Adults, Seniors and Students; £5 for Juniors (Under 16 yrs); £35 for a Family ticket (2 Adults + 2 Juniors)

On the day: (from 9am on the day of the match): £20 for Adults, Seniors and Students; £5 for Juniors (Under 16 yrs); £45 for a Family ticket (2 Adults + 2 Juniors)

This game is not included in any Hampshire Cricket Membership package (including Life Membership) and members will have to purchase a ticket to attend the game. However, season car park passes are valid for the game.



BARBADOS HERE I COME! Alex Milne with Barbados Tourism Authority business development manager Cedric Lynch and Gemma Dare of Virgin Atlantic. Pic by LMI Photography.

Answers

- 1 The 2009 US Open; 2 Sergio Batista; 3 Sao Paulo; 4 Nicky Cook; 5 Kolkata Knight Riders; 6 Diego Forlan (Atletico Madrid against Fulham); 7 Durham; 8 Chicago Bears; 9 Robbie Deans; 10 Argentina; 11 France; 12 Serbia and Spain; 13 Chile; 14 Nelson Evora; 15 Europecar; 16 Old Trafford; 17 Lille; 18 Tottenham; 19 Laugna Seca; 20 Canford Cliffs; 21 Matthew Settle; 22 Darren Barker; 23 Cycling; 24 2006; 25 Huddersfield.



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Local Cricket Spotlight

Raining runs for Alton star

RAIN may have denied Alton victory over the Hampshire Academy at the Rose Bowl last weekend – but it didn't stop Dave Taylor stealing a march on his rivals and taking over at the top of the Southern Electric Premier League batting leader board. Taylor thumped a boundary strewn 44 – all bar four of his runs cleared the rope – to move just ahead of Havant's Pete Hopson in the run making charts.

There's also been a change in the SPL2 charts, with 522-run former Hampshire batsman Derek Kenway overtaking Ventnor's Kiwi Cole McConchie.

George Marshall continues way out in front in Division 3 and, provided the weather improves, should comfortably make the magical 1,000-run milestone by the season end.

Wicketkeeping: Dan Friedman (Bashley Rydal) 20, Tom Morton (South Wilts) 16, Mark Heffernan (Alton) 14, Lewis McManus (Academy) 12, Rob Lammiman (Lymington) 12, Jez Bulled (Havant) 12.

DIVISION 2
Batting: Derek Kenway (Burridge) 522, * Cole McConchie (Ventnor) 505, David Lloyd (Rowledge) 374, James Moon (Portsmouth) 363, * Tristen McDonald (Rowledge) 356, * Josh Hill (New Milton) 354, Ben Thane (Hook & NB) 348, James Wright (Portsmouth) 339, Richard Norris (Hartley Wintney) 338, Gary Clapham (Rowledge) 314, Chad Ratnayke (Hook & NB) 313, Adam Hose (Ventnor) 307, Chris Yates (Rowledge) 302.

Bowling: Shane Brewer (Hook & NB) 19, James Wright (Portsmouth) 18, * David Williams (Hambledon) 18, Tony Richman (Paultons) 18, James Scott (Portsmouth) 17, Roger Miller (Ventnor) 17, * Cole McConchie (Ventnor) 16, Dan Hewitt (Hambledon) 16, Rob Smith (Rowledge) 16.

Wicketkeeping: Richard Norris (Hartley Wintney) 17, Rob O'Brien (Paultons) 16, Mark Whyte (Ventnor) 15, Freddie Dare (Portsmouth) 13, * Josh Hill (New Milton) 13.

DIVISION 3
Batting: George Marshall (United Services) 752, David Banks (Sarisbury Athletic)

BATTING STAR:
Alton's Dave Taylor.



Leading individual performers (*overseas player)

PREMIER DIVISION

Batting: Dave Taylor (Alton) 471, Pete Hopson (Havant) 469, Ben Walker (Havant) 451, Simon Steel (Totton & Eling) 432, Richard Morris (Bashley Rydal) 426, Jake George (Academy) 415, Darren Cowley (Lymington) 415, Rob Gibson (Academy) 408, Will Prozesky (Andover) 388, James Park (Bournemouth) 363, Eddie Abel (South Wilts) 357, Benny Howell (Totton & Eling) 355.

Bowling: Matt Metcalfe (Bournemouth) 26, Jamie Miller (Academy/Bashley) 22, Richard Hindley (Havant) 20, Dave Taylor (Alton) 20, Ben Walker (Havant) 19, Jordan Finney (St Cross Symondians) 19, Julian Ballinger (Alton) 18, Kevin Nash (Bashley), Glyn Treagus (Lymington) 17, Matt Ireson (Alton) 17.

486, Kevin Light (Fareham & Crofton) 440, * Brent Jarvis-Spink (Fareham & Crofton) 402, Micky Butler (Titchborne Park) 398, Peter Hammond (Sarisbury Athletic) 352, Andy Parratt (Fawley) 335, Martin Cheyney (Titchborne Park) 314, Archie Norris (Sarisbury Athletic) 307.

Bowling: Dave Banks (Sarisbury Athletic) 20, Anirban Baul (Liphook & Ripsley) 19, Jamie Donaldson (Trojans) 19, Micky Butler (Titchborne Park) 19, James Ingram (Sarisbury Athletic) 18, Steve Wright (Sparsholt) 18, Dan Goldstraw (Totton & Eling) 18, Tom Allam (Titchborne Park) 18, Mike West (Calmore Sports) 17, Simon Dean (Bashley II) 16, Oli Green (Hursley Park) 16.

Wicketkeeping: Chris Gates (Bashley II) 16, Darren Vann (Calmore Sports) 16, * Kane Burgess (Titchborne Park) 15, Stuart Martin (Fair Oak) 13.



■ WORK is now well underway on South Wilts' new clubhouse and cricket pavilion at Lower Bemerton, which will also serve the needs of the city's hockey club and other sports. ■ The pavilion, pictured, which is situated at the Wilton Road end of the ground, will include new changing rooms, showers, a bar and seating areas,

kitchen and meeting facilities.

■ It is costing £1.3million to build, money having been raised with the support of Sport England, Wiltshire Council, England Cricket Board and by years of fundraising activities by club members. ■ The new illuminated cricket scoreboard, right, is already fully operational at the ground.



Rose Bowl

BASHLEY (Rydal) and Bournemouth go head-to-head at the BCG tomorrow afternoon (Sunday, 3pm) to decide who plays Havant in next month's Southern Electric twenty20 Cup final.

The original meeting between the sides, scheduled for last Sunday, was washed out by the weekend's heavy rain, *writes MIKE VIMPANY.*

But Havant got Operation Mop-Up into gear and were rewarded with a four-wicket victory over 2009 winners Lymington – and a place in the Rose Bowl floodlight final on August 9, two days after Hampshire's Friends Life t20 quarter-final showdown with Durham.

Christian Pain called wrongly and saw Lymington pegged to a modest 119-9, with Glyn Treagus (26) and Damian Shirazi (20) rallying after Darren Cowley had been bowled by Jez Ord's third ball.

It was far from plain sailing for Havant as Ed Freeman (3-17) took three wickets with the score on 18. At 37-4, Havant sank deeper into the mire.

But Chris Morgan followed up his 3-22 spell of left-arm spin bowling with a key



innings of 31, which effectively decided the match.

Havant's awesome batting line up proved too much – the sight of Premier Division run gun Pete Hopson coming in at eight underlining their strength!

Cockspur Cup winners in 2009, Bournemouth would love another crack at the national crown.

On current form, they are arguably favourites in tomorrow's derby at Bashley (Rydal).

They trounced the New Forest club by nine wickets in the Premier League a fortnight ago, but won't need reminding that Bashley effectively dethroned them as national 20's champions in the semi-finals 12 months ago to the very day.

Bashley are having terrible problems in scoring runs in Premier League matches

and manager John Neal is tearing his hair out at the sight of all too often batting collapses.

Bashley have posted 200-plus totals in their last two t20's – but neither Hursley Park nor Hook & Newnham Basics posed threatening bowling attacks.

In-form Richard Morris is Bashley's key man – he's virtually the only player showing much in the way of consistency – while the return of Nic Baker will bolster a fragile middle-order.

Despite losing several of their 2009 Cockspur Cup winning side, Bournemouth are still a very handy young t20 outfit, with their out-fielding particularly sharp.

Teams

Bashley (Rydal): A.Neal, A.Sexton, N.Thurgood, N.Baker, R.Morris, D.Friedman, J.Miller, R.Grierson, J.Lilley, S.Dean, N.Prince, M.King

Bournemouth: N Park, Porter, J Park, House, Watkins, Butler, Kennedy, C Ridley, S Ridley, Smith, Staniford.

● Admission to tomorrow's semi-final is free and there's plenty of on and off-site car parking.

Mike Vimpany's cricket round-up is in Monday's Daily Echo

Local Cricket Spotlight

RYDE are comfortably placed in mid-table, but face three of the County Division One championship contenders in the next four weeks, starting with Locks Heath at Harding Shute today. They also face trips to Waterlooville and Gosport Borough.

Ryde – Standing (left-right): Ben Dore, Andy Day, Ben Gregory, Donald Gordon, Nick Drysdale, Ollie Stubbings. Front: Charlie Sammons, Blair Granger, Lawrence Tolfrey, Tom Morgan, Cameron Mitchell.



RYDE'S Harding Shute ground looked a picture for the visit of the MCC this week: what a shame the weather didn't match it.

The Island club hosted the IWCB's annual fixture against the MCC for the first time, but the match was washed out in the 20th over of the second innings. Former South Wilts bats-

man Tim Lamb blasted 83 of the MCC's 212-6 declared, after which the Island sank to 11-3.

Lee Brown (28 not out) and Tom Dye were together when the rains came down with the Island 53-3.

Noble effort pays off

LANGLEY Manor skipper Graham Noble is in line to become the first Hampshire League cricketer to scoop both the County Division 1 batting and bowling awards in the same season.

Noble, pictured, whose fine performances with bat and ball this summer have eased the newly promoted Manor into the top six in CD1, currently leads the run scoring charts and is joint third with the ball.

He has overtaken Gosport Borough's Lee Harrop in terms of runs scored, but trails Midhurst's Tim Powell and Alex Fletcher (P & S) in the bowling stakes.



Leading individual performances:

Batting	
Graham Noble (Langley Manor)	482
Lee Harrop (Gosport Bor)	445
Alex Shephard (Waterlooville)	423
Leeland Zeller (Gosport Borough)	422
Curtis Locke (Portchester)	350
Steve Harris (Langley Manor)	340
Alex Richardson (Locks Heath)	318
Jo Cranch (Idlers)	302
Scott Jones (Locks Heath)	287
Craig Stares (Gosport Borough)	287
Matt Hardy (Cadnam)	283
Cameron Mitchell (Ryde)	276
Jamie Mitchell (Purbrook)	274
Lawrence Tolfrey (Ryde)	269
Jon Dow (Alton II)	265
Jamie Hall (Midhurst)	249
Andy Pearce (Alton II)	247
Chaz Sheppard (Idlers)	241

Bowling

Tim Powell (Midhurst)	24
Alex Fletcher (P & S)	23
Graham Noble (Langley Manor)	21
Leeland Zeller (Gosport Borough)	21
Matt Maiden (Cadnam)	18
Harmish Blomfield (Langley Manor)	17
Martin Clements (Idlers)	17
Matt Bashford (Locks Heath)	16
David Evans (Alton II)	15
Bradley Smith (Purbrook)	15

County Division 1		P	W	T	L	Pts	Ave
Waterlooville	8	6	1	1		160	20.00
Midhurst	8	6	0	2		153	19.12
Locks Heath	9	7	0	2		171	19.00
Gosport Bor	9	7	0	2		170	18.89
Alton II	9	7	0	2		169	18.78
Langley Manor	9	6	0	3		160	17.78
Lynton & S	9	4	1	4		132	14.67
Ryde	9	4	0	5		121	13.44
Andover II	8	3	1	4		106	13.25
Idlers	8	3	1	4		105	13.12
Purbrook	10	4	0	6		124	12.40
Portchester	7	2	0	5		86	12.29
Ellingham	8	3	0	5		96	12.00
P'mouth & S	10	3	0	7		116	11.60
Shrewton	8	3	0	5		92	11.50
Compton & CF	9	3	0	6		99	11.00
Cadnam	8	2	0	6		83	10.38
Bedhampton	8	2	0	6		76	9.50

in sight



CUP CHASERS: Bashley (Rydal), pictured left to right, are, standing: Matt King, Shaun Lilley, Neil Thurgood, Phil Morris, Jake Lilley, Dan Friedman. Kneeling: Neil Prince, Andy Sexton, Andy Neal, Ross Grierson, Richard Morris.

Billy goes on birthday bash

ASK most teenagers what they'd like for their 16th birthday and the answer would probably be an Xbox or play station game.

For cricket mad Ventnor youngster Billy Clarke it was a present to behold - a magnificent career-best 154 for the Isle of Wight against Gloucestershire in the ECB Under-17 County Championships at Apperley, near Cheltenham.

Small in stature - he stands barely 5ft 5in tall in his cricket gear - big in heart and huge in talent, Clarke could hardly have timed his CB better.

His century-plus score came bang on his 16th birthday.

The only downside was that the Island, reeling after a 424-run assault from the Gloucestershire batsmen, lost the two-day match by eight wickets.

Clarke hit 21 boundaries in his innings as the IWCB, hav-



ing been dismissed for 150 in the first innings, made 318 second time around.

Scoring centuries, birthday or not, is nothing unusual for Clarke, who has already hit five hundreds in his fledgling career, three of them this season ... with the promise of more to come !

ATHLETICS NOSTALGIA: Daily Echo pictures from the 80s/90s

UNDER WAY:

Team Solent's Todd Bennett (No. 1), A. Mather (Team Solent), A. Bradley and P. Murphy (both Portsmouth) competing in a 200 metres final in May 1987.

Pic order no: 12838451



ALL SMILES: Southampton athletes Kris Akabusi (left), Dawn McDade (centre) and Todd Bennett being honoured by Southampton City Council in October 1984.

Pic order no: 12838455



EXPERT EYE: Young hurdlers under instruction from GB high jumper Fayyaz Ahmed, coach Max Sewell-Rutter and former GB long distance runner Christine Benning, August 1991. Pic order no: 12838432



GLORY BOY: Millbrook's Nicholas D'Ambrosio heads for glory in the Year 10 boys' 100 metres at Southampton Sports Centre, July, 1993.

Pic order no: 12838430



MEDAL MEN: Roger Black (left) Kris Akabusi (centre) and Todd Bennett with Commonwealth medals, August 1986.

Pic order no: 12838472



WINNER: Louise Sargent (right) wins 60m minor girls' final for Atlanta Fareham in May 1989.

Pic order no: 12838446



BEST FOOT FORWARD: David Simmons (centre) of Millbrook School wins the 100m hurdles, July 1994.

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ATHLETICS NOSTALGIA: Daily Echo pictures from the 80s/90s

STRIDING OUT: Kate Tilney (No 4) edges out Laura Blaquire (1) and Destiny Iyoha (85) at the Year 10 girls 300m at Southampton City Schools Athletics, July, 1993.

Pic order no: 12838423



CELEBRATIONS: City of Southampton AC with trophies, August 1988.

Pic order number: 12838411



BROTHERS IN ARMS: Totton 10km, Rod Finch (left), Mark Cooper (centre) and Richard Large, November 1988.

Pic order no 12838443



STAR TRIO: Team Solent's (left to right) Todd Bennett, Kriss Akabusi and Roger Black, December 1989.

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SUPPORT: CHB Directors David Corbett (left) and Peter Clasby (second right) sign their sponsorship cheque to Team Solent, with Paul Sanders (second left) Kriss Akabusi (centre) and Roger Black, October 1990.

Pic order no: 12838436



UNDER WAY: Eastleigh 10k Road Race, March 1989.

Pic order no: 12838404



WITH THANKS: Allan Cropp (right) making a presentation to Hampshire Athletics Association retiring president Cyril Sinfield, with new president Reg Gosney looking on, February 1982.

Pic order no: 12838462

WAY AHEAD: Ian Cooper (Southampton City) wins his 100 metres, September 1990.

Pic order no: 12838449



CLOSE RACE: A Daish (12), D Simmons (19) and A Edsall (21) competing at the Hants School Athletics Championships, June 1993.

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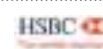
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Richards Trophy, Division 1 runners-up: Woolston Cons B.
Mitchell Cup, Division 2 champions: Northam B.
Woolston Conservatives Trophy, Division 2 joint runners-up: Shirley Cons B & Ashlett Club C.
Cattalier Cup, Division 3 champions: Sway Social.
P O'Brien Trophy, Division 3 runners-up: Eastleigh WMC A.
Strong Cup, Division 4 champions: Woolston T&L B.
Short Trophy, Division 4 runners-up: Romsey Cons C.
Burroughes & Watts Shield, team KO champions: Chandler's Ford Central A.
Stan Fray Trophy, team KO runners-up: Woolston Cons A.
Peter Marchi Cup, team KO champions: Bitterne RBL A.
AE Aldridge Cup, team KO runners-up: Nursling Social C.
Badger Shield, pairs champions: Mike Finn & Drew Farminer (Woolston Cons A).
Pairs runners-up: Adam Nash (Woolston Cons) & Billy Castle (Churchills).
F Mintrum Cup, individual champion: Mike Finn (Woolston Cons A).
Individual runner-up: Nick Jennings (Churchills A).
Sid Hunt Cup, Super League high break: Nick Jennings (Churchills A) 121.
D O'Brien Trophy, Premier high break: Arron McIntyre (Chandler's Ford Central B) 82.
Division 1 high break: Jordan Winbourne (Botley RBL A) 83.
Division 2 high break: Martin Jackson (Northam B) & Scott Anderson (Bitterne RBL A) 50.
Division 3 high break: Malc White (Woolston Social C) 37.
Division 4 high break: Gary Phillips (Woolston T&L B) 63.
Didden Cup, Divisions 1-4 high break: Jordan Winbourne (Botley RBL A) 83.
KO high break: Nick Jennings (Churchills A) 109.

CRIBBAGE

Martin Cup, Division 1 champions: Woolston Social A.
Cook Trophy, Division 1 runners-up: Woolston T&L.
Ex-Servicemen's Cup, Division 2 champions: Woolston Cons.
Bitterne Conservative Trophy, Division 2 runners-up: Totton Cons.
Courage & Barclay Trophy, Division 3 champions: Freemantle.
Farminer Trophy, Division 3 runners-up: Salterns WMC B.
HG Simonds Cup, team KO champions: Woolston T&L.
Hudson Trophy, team KO runners-up: Totton Rec B.
Malcolm Brooke Plate, team KO champions: Bitterne Park WMC A.
Mike Griffiths Salver, team KO runners-up: Warren Social.
Mew Langton Cup, pairs champions: Liz Young & Ken Whittington (Southampton RBL).
Pairs runners-up: Ron Foreman & Martin Strange (Ford Sports).
Ted Richards Memorial Trophy, individual champion: Ashley North (Woolston T&L).
Andy Brooke Salver, individual runner-up: Stan Cardy (Woolston T&L).
Jerry Lovegrove Bowl, Champion of Champions: Woolston T&L.

POOL

D O'Brien Cup, Division 1 champions: Riverside Club.
T Kitcher Cup, Division 1 runners-up: Warren Social.
E Gledhill Cup, team KO champions: Southampton RBL.
D Fry Cup, team KO runners-up: Warren Social.
A Brooke Cup, pairs champions: Adam Nash & Drew Farminer (General Hospital).
T Hollins Cup, pairs runners-up: Ryan & Tony Longhurst (Shirley Social).
CR Rollason Cup, individual champion: Adrian Sturgess (General Hospital).
J Smith Cup, individual runner-up: Luke Garnes (Southampton RBL).

POKER

Division 1 champions: Shirley WM Social.
Division 1 runners-up: Testwood WMC A.
Team KO champions: St Denys Cons.
Team KO runners-up: Shirley WM Social.
Pairs champions: Mark Stanton & Gary Coward (Testwood WMC).
Pairs runners-up: Bill Anderson & Alan Shotter (Bitterne RBL).
Individual champion: Frank Reeve (Shirley WM Social).
Individual runner-up: Trevor Barnaby (Bitterne RBL).



WOOLSTON CONS A: Snooker Super League runners-up and Burroughes & Watts team KO runners-up.



FREEMANTLE CLUB: Cribbage Division 3 champions.



SWAY SOCIAL CLUB: Snooker Division 3 champions.



ASHLEY NORTH: Cribbage individual champion.



TOTTON CONS: Cribbage Division 2 runners-up.

A Social



PRESENTATION PARTY: Eastleigh Carnival Queen Danielle Bennett and league president Dave O'Brien flanked by carnival princesses Bethany Winlove-Smith and Chandler Bennett.



WOOLSTON T&L B: Snooker Division 4 champions.

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ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING



BOTLEY RBL A: Snooker Division 1 champions.



WOOLSTON CONS B: Snooker Division 1 runners-up.



NICK JENNINGS: Snooker Town Championship runner-up.

celebration

SNOOKER, cribbage, pool and poker players from across the region celebrated the 2010/11 season at the Southampton & District Social Clubs League's presentation evening at Warren Social Club.

Trophies were presented by Eastleigh Carnival Queen Danielle Bennett, 19, and 13-year-old princesses Bethany Winlove-Smith and Chandler Bennett.

The league donated a £50 cheque to Eastleigh Carnival Association.

● ESTABLISHED in 1943, the Southampton & District Social

Clubs League covers an area from Sway in the west to Curdridge in the east to Mottisfont in the north.

A total of 123 teams from 51 social clubs completed the 2010/11 season.

Snooker, cribbage, poker and pool players competed in leagues, team knockouts, pairs knockouts and individual championships.

Non-proprietary clubs wishing to enter the league can contact secretary Malcolm Brooke via southamptonsocialclubs.co.uk/

LEAGUE DATES

July 30: Entries close for the 2011/12 season.

Aug 18: AGM at Testwood WMC.

Sept 5: Snooker season starts.

Sept 8: Cribbage and pool seasons start.



SNOOKER DIVISION 2 HIGH BREAK: Joint winners Martin Jackson, left, Scott Anderson.



LUKE GARNES: Pool individual runner-up.



TREVOR BARNABY: Poker individual runner-up.



MIKE FINN: Snooker Town Champion.



KEN WHITTINGTON & LIZ YOUNG: Cribbage pairs champions.



JORDAN WINBOURNE: Snooker Division 1 high break.

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SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUBS



BITTERNE PARK WMC A: Cribbage Plate champions.



CRIBBAGE SIMONDS CUP RUNNERS-UP: Terry Cooper (representing Totton Rec B).



EASTLEIGH CARNIVAL QUEEN: Danielle Bennett flanked by carnival princesses Bethany Winlove-Smith and Chandler Bennett.



DOUBLE DELIGHT: Chandler's Ford Central Club A, snooker Super League champions and Burroughes & Watts team KO winners.



NORTHAM SOCIAL CLUB: Snooker Division 2 champions.



SNOOKER PAIRS RUNNERS-UP: Adam Nash (Billy Castle not pictured).



NURSING SOCIAL C: Peter Marchi Cup snooker team KO runners-up.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING



SHIRLEY WM SOCIAL CLUB: Poker league champions and team KO runners up.



GARY PHILLIPS: Snooker Division 4 high break.



ST DENYS CONS: Poker team KO champions.



DREW FARMINER & MIKE FINN (left): Snooker pairs champions.



SHIRLEY CONS B: Snooker Division 2 joint runners-up.



EASTLEIGH WMC A: Snooker Division 3 runners-up.



BILL ANDERSON (left) & ALAN SHOTTER: Poker pairs runners-up.



CLOSED CLUBS: Three of the league's affiliated clubs went out of business during the 2010/11 season. The shock demise of Shirley Working Men's Social Club, pictured, in May followed the closure of Brook Social Club, in Fair Oak, and the General Hospital Sports & Social Club.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SNOOKER

Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CF Central A	28	22	5	1	199	81	248
W'iston Cons A	28	22	2	4	201	79	247
Churchills A	28	20	5	3	185	95	230
Salisbury Sc A	28	6	6	16	125	155	143
Eastleigh Rail C	27	6	8	13	116	154	136
Shirley WM A	28	8	5	15	111	169	132
Churchills B	28	5	4	19	86	194	100
Park Gate RBL A	27	3	3	21	87	183	96

Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
P Gate RBL B	26	17	6	3	157	103	197
Totton Rec B	26	19	2	5	156	96	196
Ashlett Club B	26	16	4	6	155	101	191
Churchills C	26	12	6	8	135	125	165
Hythe Club A	26	13	2	11	136	124	164
Shirley WM D	26	12	4	10	136	124	164
L'hurst WM B	26	10	5	11	130	130	155
Hamble Club A	26	10	4	12	123	137	147
Shirley Cons A	26	9	4	13	122	138	144
Salisbury Sc B	26	6	7	13	119	141	138
St Denys Cons C	26	6	8	12	118	142	138
C/Ford Central B	26	8	4	14	114	134	134
Romsey Cons A	26	8	4	14	106	150	126
Hedge End A	26	4	4	18	97	159	109

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Botley RBL A	24	21	3	84	36	126
Woolston Cons B	24	17	7	77	43	111
Bitterne Cons A	24	16	8	69	51	101
Ashlett Club A	24	15	9	71	49	101
Curridge RBL	24	15	9	66	54	96
Acorn Soc B	24	13	11	64	56	90
Locks Heath A	24	12	12	61	59	85
Minstead Soc C	24	11	13	55	65	77
Netley Central A	24	11	13	54	66	76
Hamble Club B	24	10	14	53	67	73
Romsey Cons B	24	8	16	51	69	67
Salterns WM A	24	5	19	36	84	46
Netley Central B	24	2	22	39	81	43

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Northam B	24	19	5	74	46	112
Shirley Cons B	24	17	7	73	47	107
Ashlett Club C	24	17	7	73	45	107
Bitterne RBL A	24	16	8	73	45	105
Bishopstoke Inst	22	12	10	60	50	84
Shirley Cons D	24	12	12	59	61	83
Shirley Cons C	24	11	13	58	62	80
Woolston Soc D	24	12	12	53	65	77
Nursling Social C	23	9	14	57	58	75
Swaythling A	24	8	16	50	70	66
Testwood WM A	23	7	16	45	70	59
Woolston T&L A	23	7	16	43	70	57
Mottisfont	23	6	17	43	72	55

Division 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sway Social	26	20	6	86	44	126
Eastleigh WM A	26	17	9	76	54	110
Bitterne RBL C	26	17	9	75	55	109
Nursling Social B	26	16	10	76	54	108
Totton Rec D	26	15	11	73	57	103
Woolston Soc C	26	14	12	69	61	97
Shirley Cons E	26	14	12	66	64	94
Romsey Cons B	26	14	12	65	65	93
Totton Rec C	26	14	12	61	69	89
Hythe Club B	26	12	14	63	67	87
Bitterne Cons C	26	9	17	61	69	79
Acorn Social C	26	11	15	49	81	71
Salterns WM B	26	7	19	49	81	63
Lyndhurst WM A	26	2	24	41	89	45

Division 4

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Woolston T&L B	26	23	3	97	33	143
Romsey Cons C	26	22	4	91	39	135

Bitterne RBL D	26	18	8	79	51	115
Fawley RBL	26	17	9	72	58	106
Totton Cons A	26	16	10	67	63	99
St Denys Cons A	26	15	11	66	64	96
Atherley Bowl A	26	13	13	66	64	92
Eastleigh WM C	25	11	14	69	56	91
Exbury Club	26	11	15	62	68	84
Hedge End B	26	10	16	59	71	79
Aerostructures A	26	7	19	53	77	67
St Denys Cons B	26	8	18	50	80	66
Totton Cons B	26	7	19	41	89	55
Salisbury Soc C	25	3	22	33	92	39

CRIBBAGE

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Woolston Social A	22	16	6	115	83	32
Woolston T&L	22	15	7	109	89	30
St Denys Cons D	22	13	9	111	87	26
Eastleigh Rail	22	12	10	100	98	24
Hythe Club A	22	12	10	97	101	24
Shirley Cons A	22	11	11	93	105	22
Shirley WM D	22	10	12	97	101	20
St Denys Cons C	22	9	13	97	101	18
Chandlers Ford A	22	9	13	97	101	18
Shirley WM A	22	9	13	92	106	18
Warren Social	22	8	14	92	106	16
Holy Family	22	8	14	88	110	16

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Woolston Cons	22	16	6	106	92	32
Totton Cons	22	15	7	111	87	30
Soton Old Bowl	22	15	7	104	94	30
Acorn Social B	22	13	9	104	94	26
Bitterne Park A	22	12	10	111	87	24
Park Gate RBL	22	10	12	101	97	20
Bitterne Park B	22	10	12	98	100	20
Salterns WM A	22	9	13	91	107	18
Totton Rec B	22	9	13	91	107	18
Gen Hospital	22	9	13	90	108	18
Bitterne Park C	22	8	14	92	106	16
Bitterne RBL	22	6	16	89	109	12

Division 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Freemantle	20	14	6	104	76	28
Salterns WM B	20	12	8	96	84	24
Shirley WM B	20	11	9	96	84	22
Soton RBL A	20	11	9	91	89	22
Totton Rec A	20	11	9	89	91	22
Acorn Social A	20	10	10	91	89	20
Soton RBL B	20	10	10	88	92	20
Ford Sports	20	9	11	88	92	18
Riverside Club	20	9	11	87	93	18
Woolston Social B	20	8	12	82	98	16
St Denys Cons B	20	5	15	78	102	10

POKER

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Shirley WM	5	4	1	30	15	8
Testwood WM A	5	3	2	25	20	6
Testwood WM B	6	1	5	17	37	2

POOL

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Riverside Club	24	20	4	77	39	40
Warren Social	24	18	6	73	43	36
Gen Hospital C	24	17	7	76	42	34
Woolston T&L	23	12	11	57	54	24
Paultons CC	24	12	12	50	62	24
Soton RBL A	24	11	13	60	60	22
Hedge End	23	9	14	48	65	18
Testwood WM	22	5	17	40	68	10
Soton Old Bowl	24	2	22	35	83	4

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SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUBS



POOL PAIRS RUNNERS-UP: Ryan (left) & Tony Longhurst.



ASHLETT CLUB C: Snooker Division 2 joint runners-up.



MALC WHITE: Snooker Division 3 high break.



STAN CARDY: Cribbage individual runner-up.



POKER PAIRS CHAMPIONS: Mark Stanton (left) & Gary Coward.



ADRIAN STURGES: Pool individual champion.



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WOOLSTON CONS: Cribbage Division 2 champions.



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POOL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: Riverside Club.

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2.15 **ANDERS FOUNDATION E.B.F. CROCKER BULTEEL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 2).** £20,000 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £12,938.

1	BLUE TIGER	S Bin Suoroor 9 0	J P Spencer 5
2	CONFUCIUS ELITE	J Boyle 9 0	P Cosgrave 1
3	GLEN MOSS	(IRE) B W Hills 9 0	M Hills 2
4	HUMUNGOSAUR	P Cole 9 0	N Callan 6
5	MABAANY	W Haggas 9 0	R Hills 4
6	REGAL GOLD	R Hannan 9 0	R Hughes 8
7	YOUNG PRINCE	(IRE) R Mills 9 0	S Levey 7
8	ZUMBI	(IRE) Sir M Stoute 9 0	R L Moore 3

BETTING: 15-8 Blue Tiger, 7-2 Zumbi, 4-1 Regal Gold, 13-2 Glen Moss, 8-1 Mabaany, 12-1 Humungosaur, 20-1 Young Prince, 33-1 Confucius Elite.

2.50 **GL EVENTS OWEN BROWN HANDICAP (CLASS 4).** £8,000 added 3YO only 6f Penalty

CARLISLE

Going: Good-Good to Soft in places

1.50 **REBECCA FERGUSON LIVE AFTER RACING TODAY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS 5).** £3,900 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £2,523.

1	22	HALF A BILLION	(IRE) (9) (BF) M Dods 8 12	F Tylicki 3
2		KEY AMBITION	B Smart 8 9	T Eaves 4
3	56	LORD BUFFHEAD	(B) R C Guest 8 9	J-P Guillambert 1
4	0	SIMPSON MILLAR	(39) N Wilson 8 9	D Holland 2
5	0	OUR MONICA	(IRE) (19) Mrs A Duffield 8 7	L Newman 7
6	3	BYRAMA	(12) N Tinkler 8 4	D Cannon (3) 8
7	064	NEVER IN	(IRE) (9) A Berry 8 4	P Mathers 6
8	4	SUMMER LANE	(IRE) (12) R Fahy 8 4	P Hanagan 5

BETTING: 11-8 Half A Billion, 11-4 Byrama, 3-1 Summer Lane, 10-1 Key Ambition, 16-1 Lord Buffhead, 20-1 Never In, 50-1 Our Monica, 66-1 Simpson Millar.

2.25 **LLOYD BMW HANDICAP (CLASS 5).** £3,900 added 3YO only 5f Penalty Value £2,523.

1	006031	BOUNDLESS SPIRIT	(15) (D) D Nicholls 9 7	Shirley Teasdale (7) 1
2		RYLEE MOOCH	(30) (D) R C Guest 9 5	G Gibbons 5
3	401062	SAXONETTE	(15) (D) Miss L Peratt 9 5	P McDonald 3
4	502951	GABRIEL THE KING	(USA) M Bell 9 3	P Hanagan 8
5	424433	CLIMAXFORTACKLE	(12) (2) D Shaw 9 1	R FitzPatrick 2
6	0-6531	NOVALIST	(36) (D) R Bastiman 8 5	L Newman 4
7	034466	RUNNING WATER	(13) H Williams 8 2	N Farley (5) 7
8	35006	IVY AND GOLD	(8) A Berry 8 2	Danielle McCreery (5) 6

BETTING: 10-3 Boundless Spirit, 4-1 Green Warrior, 9-2 Rylee Mooch, 5-1

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1	5-6340	REMOTELINX	(IRE) (57) J Hills 9 7	S Sanders 5
2	-31515	KING FERDINAND	(18) (D)(BF) A Balding 9 7	J P Spencer 1
3	214	FOXTROT HOTEL	(IRE) (48) (D)(BF) P Winkworth 9 4	J Crowley 4
4	21-325	BLANCHE DUBAWI	(IRE) (27) (D) N Quinn 9 4	R L Moore 8
5	100-50	NASHARRA	(IRE) (16) (D) K Ryan 9 4	Julie Burke (5) 3
6	131114	PICK A LITTLE	(10) (D) R Hodges 9 3	H Bentley (5) 6
7	2110	CLARA ZETKIN	(58) (D) J S Moore 8 13	L Keniry 10
8	6-2010	DA PONTE	(23) (D) W R Swinburn 8 13	S W Kelly 9
9	1-3036	CAMACHE QUEEN	(IRE) (17) (D)(BF) D Coakley 8 11	R Hughes 7
10	113636	APOLLO D'NEGRO	(IRE) (23) (D)(BF) C Cox 8 9	P Robinson 2

BETTING: 7-2 King Ferdinand, 4-1 Blanche Dubawi, 6-1 Foxtrot Hotel, 15-2 Pick A Little, 8-1 Apollo D'Negro, 10-1 Da Ponte, Remotelinx, 12-1 Clara Zetkin, Camache Queen, Nasharra.

3.25 **EAGLE ROCK HANDICAP (CLASS 2).** £18,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 4f Penalty Value £11,205.

1	1/1	BURJ NAHAR	(29) S Bin Suoroor 4 10 0	R Mullen 1
2	06-300	PROMPTER	(36) M Bell 4 9 11	J P Spencer 4
3	00220	NEHAAM	(59) J Gosden 5 9 11	R Hills 7
4	652-00	CHOCK A BLOCK	(IRE) (29) (D) S Bin Suoroor 5 9 7	Hayley Turner 9
5	20-111	KIAMA BAY	(IRE) (22) J J Quinn 5 9 7	F Norton 6
6	530100	ENGLISH SUMMER	(22) M Johnston 4 9 4	N Callan 8
7	-01521	WARLU WAY	(24) (D) J Dunlop 4 9 3	R L Moore 2
8	44-325	AURORIAN	(IRE) (50) (D) R Hannan 5 8 13	R Hughes 5

Saxonette, 7-1 Climaxfortackle, 15-2 Novalist, 10-1 Running Water, 20-1 Ivy And Gold.

3.00 **STOBART LADIES' NORTHERN DERBY BOWL HANDICAP (LADY AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 3).** £12,000 added 4YO PLUS 1m 3f 107yds Penalty Value £7,487.

1	-53010	CIRCACTORP	(22) T Easterby 6 10 7	Miss J Coward 13
2	121230	SIR BOSS	(IRE) (43) M Mullineux 6 10 6	Miss M Mullineux 6
3	0-0142	BUTLER	(14) (BF) L Cumani 4 10 1	Miss F Cumani (5) 15
4	60-062	THIN RED LINE	(IRE) (29) M Dods 5 10 0	Miss E J Jones 17
5	10-030	SOLICITOR	(10) M Johnston 4 9 13	Miss A Deniel 2
6	1120-	WORTH A KING'S	(119) Mrs D Sayer 5 9 13	Miss E Sayer (3) 10
7	021-66	TRIP THE LIGHT	(16) R Fahy 6 9 13	Miss T Syddall (5) 10
8	5/5212	ZENNOR	(37) (BF) T Dascombe 4 9 11	Miss A L Murphy (7) 14
9	-10200	LADY CHAPARRAL	(16) G M Moore 4 9 10	Miss L Horner 9
10	1316-0	GRACEFUL DESCENT	(FR) (36) (D) J Goldie 6 9 10	Mrs C Bartley 4
11	0133-1	FUJIN DANCER	(FR) (27) B Ellison 6 9 10	Miss H Bethell (5) 8
12	30-003	UNION ISLAND	(IRE) (6) S Ellison 5 9 9	Miss N Vorster (5) 5
13	000052	FULL SPEED	(GER) (16) G Swinbank 6 9 9	Miss L Alexander (3) 6
14	562331	AMAZING BLUE SKY	(6) Mrs R Carr 5 9 9 (6x) Mrs Adele Mulrennan 11	
15	24-230	MEETINGS MAN	(IRE) (30) M Hammond 4 9 8	Miss R Smith (5) 12
16	-35415	PATAVIMU	(IRE) (17) E Tuer 8 9 6	Miss S Brotherton 3
17	601225	HOUSTON DYNAMO	(IRE) (31) N Richards 6 9 3	Miss J Richards (5) 16

BETTING: 6-1 Butler, 13-2 Fujin Dancer, 7-1 Amazing Blue Sky, 15-2 Zennor, 8-1 Union Island, 10-1 Full Speed, Patavimu, Thin Red Line, 14-1 others.

3.35 **LES TALLENTIRE MEMORIAL CLAIMING**

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Going: Good

2.05 **WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE THIS IS Y MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4).** £6,000 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £3,881.

101	54	BALTIC BOMBER	(IRE) (22) J J Quinn 9 3	T Hamilton 10
102	0	COPP THE LOT	(USA) (17) D Nicholls 9 3	A Mullen 2
103	0	DIVINE SUCCESS	(IRE) (17) R Fahy 9 3	L Toplis (3) 7
104		GABRIEL THE KING	(USA) M Bell 9 3	K Fallon 9
105		MALVESI	Mrs A Duffield 9 3	R French 8
106		SON OF MAY	J Hughes 9 3	T O'Shea 3
107	4	WHATYOUCALLIT	(IRE) (9) D Lanigan 9 3	T Durcan 4
108		KYLESKU	(IRE) K Ryan 8 12	P Makin 5
109	0	MINNE WA WA	(46) D Brown 8 12	S De Sousa 1
110	655	REVE DU JOUR	(IRE) (24) A McCabe 8 12	S Drowne 6

BETTING: 5-2 Gabriel The King, 4-1 Kylesku, 9-2 Whatyoucallit, 15-2 Baltic Bomber, 8-1 Divine Success, 10-1 Reve du Jour, 12-1 Malvesi, 16-1 Minne Wa Wa, 20-1 others.

2.40 **JOHN RANSOME ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES HANDICAP (CLASS 5).** £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,588.

201	10-406	HAIL BOLD CHIEF	(USA) (39) G Swinbank 4 9 12	G Whillans (7) 10
202	052336	SHARP SOVEREIGN	(USA) (9) (C) T D Barron 5 9 12	L McNiff (5) 12
203	304-41	MUWALLA	(10) (D) C Grant 4 9 12	K Fallon 6
204	064240	MASLAK	(IRE) (57) (D) P Hatt 7 9 12	C Catlin 17
205	2-0064	DANCEINTOTHELIGHT	(16) M Hammond 4 9 9	Kelly Harrison 11
206	25314-	MASTER NIMBUS	(J302) (C) J Quinn 11 9 9	L Toplis (3) 9
207	70-005	HERRERA	(IRE) (13) (D) R Fahy 6 9 7	T Hamilton 3
208	225004	THE BLUE DOG	(IRE) (28) (D) M Wigham 4 9 6	W Carson 4
209	30051	ROYAL PREMIER	(IRE) (12) (D) T Keddy 8 9 4	S Pearce (3) 8
210	0-0031	BRASINGAMAN ERIC	(29) (D) G M Moore 4 9 3	A Mullen 13
211	066116	LIGHT THE CITY	(IRE) (12) (D)(BF) Mrs R Carr 4 9 2	J P Sullivan 15
212	653511	BRADBURY	(IRE) (16) (CD) J Bethell 3 9 2	T O'Shea 5
213	044032	LADY NORLELA	(9) R Rothwell 5 9 1	B McHugh 12
214	55-225	DUNASKIN	(IRE) (57) (D) R C Guest 11 9 1	R L-Butter (3) 7
215	0-0030	SIMPLE JIM	(FR) (23) (D) D O'Meara 7 9 0	S De Sousa 1
216	34602	GREY COMMAND	(USA) (23) M Brittain 6 8 12	D Allan 2
217	04-030	KIANS DELIGHT	(26) J O'Keefe 3 8 3	D Fenitman 14

BETTING: 6-1 Muwalla, 13-2 Bradbury, 7-1 Master Nimbus, 10-1 Danceintothelight, The Blue Dog, Brasingaman Eric, Royal Premier, Herrera, 14-1 others.

3.15 **GRAHAM ROCK MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS 5).** £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,588.

301	4-4501	SARTINGO	(IRE) (13) (D) G Swinbank 4 9 11	K Fallon 10
302	000600	AERODYNAMIC	(IRE) (29) C Mulhall 4 9 9	P Aspell 1
303	630220	NOLECCE	(11) (D)(BF) R C Guest 4 9 9	R L-Butter (3) 13
304	441234	AY TAY TATE	(IRE) (15) (D) C Griffiths 5 9 7	A Hefferman 2
305	00-365	COSMIC MOON	(22) R Fahy 3 9 4	L Toplis (3) 8
306	0021-0	FLYING POWER	(12) (BF) D Lanigan 3 9 4	T Durcan 6
307	0503-0	BETTERAS BERTIE	(81) (C) T Coyle 8 9 1	B McHugh 4
308	506-61	HOT SPICE	(24) (D) J Dunlop 3 9 1	P Makin 5
309	4-1333	OLLON	(USA) (17) R Fahy 3 9 0	T Hamilton 9
310	2100-4	MISS FERNEY	(9) (D) A Kirtley 7 8 12	P Pickard (3) 7
311	0000-3	TRICKY SITUATION	(8) D Brown 5 8 12	S De Sousa 11
312	235623	YOSSI	(IRE) (114) R C Guest 7 8 12	Kelly Harrison 12
313	-04360	HIGHLAND LOVE	(8) (D) J O'Keefe 6 8 11	A Culhane 3
314	500	SINGZAK	(61) M W Easterby 3 8 9	J P Sullivan 14
315	5050-0	LOYAL KNIGHT	(IRE) (23) P Midgley 6 8 9	M Fenton 15

BETTING: 4-1 Hot Spice, 5-1 Sartingo, 6-1 Tricky Situation, 8-1 Ay Tay Tate, 10-1 Cosmic Moon, Ollon, Flying Power, 12-1 Nolecce, 14-1 others.

3.50 **SKYBET SUPPORTING THE YORKSHIRE RACING SUMMER FESTIVAL POMFRET STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS 1).** £30,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £17,013.

401	-11212	ST MORITZ	(IRE) (50) (D) D Nicholls 5 9 5	A Nicholls 3
402	211-21	CITYSCAPE	(40) (D) R Charlton 5 9 1	S Drowne 4
403	013-42	EMERALD COMMANDER	(IRE) (7) (D) S Bin Suoroor 4 9 1	T Durcan 5
404	24-435	PENITENT	(28) (D)(BF) W Haggas 5 9 1	S De Sousa 1
405	4-2353	OFF CHANCE	(IRE) (2) T Easterby 5 8 10	D Fenitman 6
406	242432	IMAGINARY WORLD	(IRE) (8) A McCabe 3 8 2	Kelly Harrison 2

BETTING: 4-7 Cityscape, 6-1 Emerald Commander, 13-2 Penitent, ST Moritz, 16-1 Off Chance, 50-1 Imaginary World.

4.25 **TYREGIANT COM HANDICAP (CLASS 3).** £11,500 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £7,159.

501	20-000	MASS RALLY	(IRE) (29) M Dods 4 9 12	D Tudhope 5
502	000000	BARNEY MCGREW	(IRE) (22) (D) M Dods 8 9 12	T Hamilton 14
503	20-004	ZERO MONEY	(IRE) (23) (D) R Charlton 5 9 10	S Drowne 1
504	5-0511	ORPISIE BOY	(17) (CD) Mrs R Carr 8 9 10	L McNiff (5) 13
505	-22436	INTERNATIONALDEBUT	(IRE) (50) (D) P Midgley 6 9 9	A Culhane 2
506	110142	KLYNCH	(19) (D) Mrs R Carr 5 9 9	J P Sullivan 11
507	3300-4	MISPLACED FORTUNE	(70) (D) N Tinkler 6 9 8	S De Sousa 15
508	5000-3	VALERY BORZOV	(IRE) (32) (D) R Fahy 7 9 7	L Toplis (3) 6
509	-34310	MARVELOUS VALUE	(IRE) (29) (D) M Dods 6 9 7	T Durcan 8
510	10-000	AMENABLE	(IRE) (29) (D) D Nicholls 4 9 6	A Mullen 12
511	100240	OLDJOESAD	(22) K Ryan 7 9 5	P Makin 10

9 3-41 **STAR IN FLIGHT** (17) B Meehan 4 8 10 S W Kelly 3
BETTING: 5-2 Burj Nahar, 7-2 Kiama Bay, 5-1 Warlu Way, 6-1 Aurorian, 8-1 Star In Flight, 12-1 Prompter, Nehaam, 16-1 English Summer, 20-1 Chock A Block.

4.00 **KELTBRAY HANDICAP (CLASS 3).** £11,500 added 3YO only 1m 2f Penalty Value £7,159.

1	21	GATEWOOD	(28) (D) J Gosden 9 7	R L Moore 6
2	141142	IVAN VASILEVICH	(IRE) (16) (D) J Chapple-Hyam 9 6	M Dwyer 4
3	1	VAL O'HARA	(IRE) (39) (D) P Winkworth 9 3	J Crowley 1
4	0-3113	GRUMETI	(22) (D) M Bell 9 2	J P Spencer 7
5	11-566	MUNTASIB	(USA) (15) M Tregning 9 2	R Hills 5
6	01-202	SWINDY	(10) P Cole 9 1	N Callan 3
7	035-1	GROOMED	(IRE) (22) W Haggas 9 0	L Jones 2

BETTING: 2-1 Gatewood, 7-2 Grumeti, 5-1 Groomed, 6-1 Swindy, 8-1 Val O'Hara, 10-1 Ivan Vasilevich, 12-1 Muntasib.

4.35 **JOHN MANDEVILLE MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (STR) (CLASS 4).** £8,000 added 3YO only 1m Penalty Value £5,175.

1	5	INDIAN MIST	(IRE) (28) R Varian 9 0	N Callan 7
2		INTERACTION	J Gosden 9 0	S Sanders 1
3	03	LITTLE COTTONSOXES	(20) C Cox 9 0	Luke Morris 3
4	5-0520	NABAH	(51) C Brittain 9 0	P Robinson 5

STAKES (CLASS 6). £2,800 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £1,909.

1	66-450	I'M SUPER TOO	(IRE) (61) G Swinbank 4 9 12	P McDonald 5
2	0-5284	SUNNYSIDE TOM	(IRE) (22) (CD) R Fahy 7 9 12	P Hanagan 1
3	0-0232	THE OSTEOPATH	(IRE) (7) (D) M Dods 8 9 12	T Eaves 7
4	030253	ACADEMY BLUES	(USA) (36) (D)(BF) D Nicholls 9 9 9	P M Quinn 3
5	000056	SOLAR SPIRIT	(IRE) (7) Miss T Waggett 6 9 7	S B Kelly (7) 2
6	-20135	FRONTLINE GIRL	(IRE) (30) Mrs K Burke 5 9 5	A Elliott 8
7	246013	OPUS MAXIMUS	(IRE) (11) (D) Jennie Candlish 5 9 5	S J Craine 4
8	550240	CARNIVAL DREAM	(31) H McDermott 5 8 11	V Santos (7) 6

BETTING: 3-1 Academy Blues, 7-2 The Osteopath, 4-1 Sunnyside Tom, 6-1 Opus Maximus, 7-1 Frontline Girl, 15-2 Solar Spirit, 10-1 I'm Super Too, 50-1 Carnival Dream.

4.10 **EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL HANDICAP (CLASS 5).** £3,900 added 3YO PLUS 7f Penalty Value £2,523.

1	4-1002	BANDSTAND	(22) S Smart 5 9 13	J Newman (7) 4
2	020523	BERBICE	(6) (D) Miss L Peratt 6 9 7	L Newman 7